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PART ONE

LAWRENCE LITCHFIELD AND HIS DESCENDANTS

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LAWRENCE¹ LITCHFIELD* the progenitor of the old New England family of Litchfield, was in Plymouth Colony before 1639. He is supposed to have been born in England in the first years of the seventeenth century,—before 1620, perhaps in Kent County.

Diligent search has failed, so far, to reveal the place of his birth, his parentage, or when or in what ship he came to this country. Some have placed the date of his coming as early as 1630, while Morse infers that it was in 1634, and in the same ship which brought Rev. John Lathrop.

Gov. Winthrop's Journal, Sept. 18, 1634, says: "The Griffin† and another ship now arriving with about 200 passengers and one hundred cattle, Mr. Lathrop and Mr. Sims‡ two godly

* N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register, vol. ix (1855), pages 181 and 209, contains the "Genealogy of the Descendants of Lawrence Litchfield," by Rev. Abner Morse of Sherborn, Mass. This is the only Litchfield Genealogy ever published, covering the different lines of descent from Lawrence Litchfield, and is the basis of the present work.

† The Griffin made several trips to America, but her passenger lists have not been discovered. The famous Ann Hutchinson came over at this time. The name of the other ship has not been found.

‡ Rev. Zechariah Symmes, son of Rev. William, came to Boston, 1634, and was ordained pastor of Charlestown church, Dec. 22, 1634.—Pope's Mass. Pioneers: p. 444.

ministers coming in the same ship." This was largely a company of people from Kent, and most of them settled in Scituate.

The first settlers [of Scituate] were generally men of property. Many of them were scholars and accomplished gentlemen. They impressed on their children a love of learning and a refinement of manners that has never wholly disappeared, in the darkest periods of the annals of 'Home.' Sound in their religious faith, taught the value of a good hope towards God by the lessons of persecution, there was not perhaps for two generations a head of a family who did not belong to the church; not a house in which the morning and evening sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving was omitted. No law was ever needed to induce the people to sustain a sufficient number of excellent free schools, and for more than a century from the settlement, a public grammar school supplied to all who desired it, the means of a more enlarged course of study. While the rigor of the early faith and piety remained, no town set a greater value on the higher branches of education. For a century and a half hardly a foreigner has entered Home. The few who came were soon assimilated to the habits and feelings of a people born, living and dying on the same soil. I can remember twenty families in one section of the town which for seven, eight and nine generations have lived on the same spot; no rare thing in the old countries but quite so in our new and ever moving land. No foreign sources of corruption therefore ever came in to make the sons unworthy to bear the name of their sires. If they have fallen, the root of evil is from within.*

Morse says "With this company Lawrence¹ Litchfield had numerous connections whom he never forsook and who never forsook him. He must have been at their arrival, a young man and unmarried."

A family tradition has it that Lawrence¹ came over with John Allen [in the Abigail, in June, 1635], as a youth or young man, unmarried, to whom Allen was to leave his property; but this is probably confused with the fact that John Allen did leave to Josiah,² son of Lawrence,¹ some land, in 1661.

* Rev. Charles T. Torrey's "Home [Scituate], or the Pilgrims' Faith Revived" (1844).

Otis, in "Barnstable Families," says that more than one half of the passengers who came in the Hercules* were afterwards inhabitants of Scituate.†

There are various historical accounts (containing many errors) of Lawrence¹ Litchfield, some of which are quoted below:

Farmer's Genealogical Register (1829), page 180: "Litchfield, Lawrence, Scituate, 1646. There was a Litchfield whose Christian name is not given, who was a member of the artillery company in 1640."

Savage's Genealogical Dictionary (1864): "Lawrence Litchfield, Barnstable, 1640, thought to be progenitor of all his name in N. E., removed after 1643, and in 1646 is found at Scituate; had daughter, Dependence, born 15 Feb., that year; and perhaps, Josiah 1647; but at Barnstable, had daughter, Remember (who Deane [Hist. of Scituate] says, married a Lewis of Barnstable, but I doubt his accuracy); and son, Experience —. He died 1650, at Scituate and his widow, Judith, *perhaps daughter of William Dennis* of Scituate, married, that year, William Peaks."

Barry's History of Hanover, Mass., page 349: "Litchfield, Lawrence, was of Barnstable, 1643, and bore arms."

Otis's Barnstable County [Mass.] Families, part II, page 217: "Lawrence Litchfield was one of the company from Scituate who came to Barnstable in the spring of 1639. He settled beside Coggins' (now known as Great) Pond, near the estate of Gov. Hinckley. He did not remain here long. In 1646 he was again in Scituate, where he died in 1650. He is thought to be the progenitor of all of that name now in New England, but none of them are now within the limits of Barnstable."

Freeman's History of Cape Cod, vol. ii, page 255: In the list of inhabitants of Barnstable, March 3, 1640, "Laurence Lichfield" is named.

* Hotten's Original Lists, p. xix (introduction) gives the list of passengers, among whom we discover the familiar Scituate names of Tilden, Witherell, Hatch, Hinckley, Cole, Besbeech (Bisbee), Lewis, Sayers (Sears), and Starre, but no Litchfield, or closely allied families. This was in 1635.

† The earliest settlement of Scituate, Plymouth county, Massachusetts, the ancestral home of the Litchfields, was about 1628, by William Gillson, Anthony Annable, Thomas Byrd, Nathaniel Tilden, Edward Foster, Henry Rowley and Henry Merritt. In 1633 a regular village was laid out, and in 1636, the town was incorporated. See Deane's History of Scituate, which was reprinted in 1899.

History of Plymouth County, Mass., (D. H. Hurd, 1884), page 410, in sketch of Scituate and South Scituate, by Daniel E. Damon: "Scituate lost many of her early settlers by their removal with Mr. Lothrop in 1639-40 to Barnstable. But when Lawrence Litchfield came from Barnstable to Scituate, a few years later, the loss was largely compensated for. His descendants have probably been more numerous in the town than that of any other family, and have always been honored, influential and public-spirited citizens, impressing themselves strongly in the religious and educational interests of the town."

Deane's Scituate (1831), page 305: "Lawrence Litchfield was in Barnstable, where he bore arms 1643. His children were Experience, Remembrance, Josiah and Dependance; the last being the only birth of the family on our records, (1646), we conclude the others may have been born at Barnstable." Deane also gives a short account of the first two or three generations of Lawrence's descendants, but the data are neither complete nor satisfactory.

Pope's Pioneers (before 1650) of Massachusetts: "Lawrence Litchfield (Leichfield, Lechfield) Scituate. Dau. Dependance born 15 Feb. 1646. Wife Judith, dau. of William Dennis, married after his death, William Peaks; she testified 20 March, 1657-8, that her husband, on his death bed consented that John Allen of Scituate might adopt his son Josias (Josiah)."

When Rev. John Lothrop* came, he found at Scituate friends whom he had known in England. They had built, at the time, nine "pallizado houses," probably structures made of logs, protected by palisades, as temporary residences, which were replaced later by more substantial homes. In 1635-6 there were thirty-one houses built, and in 1637 there was a total number of fifty-one, but that of Lawrence¹ Litchfield or of a Dennis does not occur in the list given. In Mr. Lothrop's church at Scituate,—the first parish, of which he was the first regularly settled minister (Jan. 18, 1634-5),—there were 63 members, and of these, in 1639, twenty heads of families removed with their pastor to Barnstable and six went later. Lawrence¹ Litchfield is not named. From these observations it would seem that Lawrence¹ was not a resident of Scituate until after he had been

* Otis's Barnstable Families.

in Barnstable, or else he was in Scituate but a short time. He may have landed at Boston, gotten acquainted with the Barnstable proprietors, and accompanied them to "Mattakeeset." *

In January, 1637-8, Rev. John Lothrop, Mr. Timothy Hatherly, Anthony Annable and others of Scituate, represented to the Court that they had small portions of land, and petitioned to have the lands set off to them, between the North and South rivers, which was granted. In 1638-9 many meetings were held in Scituate to adopt measures respecting a removal to another plantation. Five days were set apart for humiliation, fasting and prayer for success in their removal. The first fast was kept Feb. 22, 1637-8, and the last June 26, 1639. Several letters signed by Mr. Lothrop, Goodman Annable and others in behalf of themselves and other members of the church, addressed to the governor, stated the grievances under which they were suffering, and asked to be better accommodated in some other part of the colony. At first they proposed to remove to Sippican, now Rochester (Mass.), and at the January Court the lands at that place were granted to them. But many were opposed to going to Sippican, preferring a residence at Mattakeese, now a part of Barnstable. But the lands at the latter place had previously been granted to Mr. Richard Collicut and others of Dorchester; but in June, 1639, this grant was revoked and an opening was made for Mr. Lothrop and his church. In the previous May, Rev. Joseph Hull of Weymouth, and Mr. Thomas Dimmock and others, removed to Mattakeese, and commenced the settlement of the town. After the revocation of the grant to Mr. Collicut, the Court, June 4, 1639, old style, corresponding to June 14, new style, granted the lands at Mattakeese to Messrs. Hull and Dimmock as a committee for themselves and their associates, and incorporated the town, naming it Barnstable. June 13, 1639, a fast was kept by Mr. Lothrop's church to implore 'God's directing and providing for us in the place of removal,' and on the 26th of the same month another fast was kept 'For the presence of God in mercy to goe with us to Mattakeese.' Mr. Lothrop and a majority of his church removed from Scituate to Barnstable, Oct. 11, 1639. On their arrival, the first settlers had built themselves houses, and many of Mr. Lothrop's church found dwellings provided for them Goodman Annable did not remove with the first company, but some few months after.†

* Mattakeeset — Indian word for "old" or "worn-out planting lands." Indian name for Barnstable.

† Otis's Barnstable Families. See also Deane's Scituate.

Barnstable, Plymouth county, Massachusetts, was incorporated as a town, in June, 1639. Thirteen families had then settled in the town, viz., Rev. Joseph Hull, Thomas Shaw, Austin Bearse, Henry Coggin, James Hamlin,* William Tilley, Thomas Allyn, *Lawrence Litchfield*, Thomas Huckins, John Smith, Roger Goodspeed, John Scudder, and Nathaniel Bacon. None of these names occur as the householders of Scituate in Sept., 1634.

Deyo's Hist. of Barnstable County (1890), vol. i, page 394, in its account of the village of Barnstable, says :

Like some other villages of the county, the settlement of this was contemporaneous with that of the town, the first settlement of the plantation being the nucleus of the present village. In 1640, when their first dwellings had been erected, Rev. John Lothrop was where the present hotel of Mr. Eldridge stands, nearly opposite the court house; Henry Rowley, near Mr. Lothrop's; Isaac Wells, near where the court house stands; George Lewis, Sr., near the site of the Ainsworth house; Edward Fitzrandal on the corner by the Hyannis road; Henry Cobb, near the present Unitarian church, and the hill was named Cobb's hill from this fact; Richard Foxwell, near the present Agricultural hall; Bernard Lambert, further east near the old mill; and Nathaniel Bacon, John Smith, Roger Goodspeed, Thomas Huckins, John Scudder, Samuel Mayo, and Thomas Dimock were also in the eastern part of the present village, east of John Lothrop's. Around Coggin's Pond† were settled Henry Bourne, Thomas Hinckley,‡ Henry Coggin,§ *Laurence Litchfield*, James Hamblin and William

* Ancestor of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, of Maine. The name is also spelled Hamblin, Hamling and Hamlen.

† "A settlement was also made very early on the borders of Coggin's Pond. Here we find the same peculiarity in the shape of the original lots, their longer lines extended from east to west; while in all other parts of the town except in these two particular localities the longer lines are north and south. The early settlers in that neighborhood were Henry Bourne and Thomas Hinckley, from Scituate, and Henry Coggin, *Lawrence Litchfield*, James Hamblin, and William Tilley, *probably associates of Mr. Collicut.*" (Otis's Barnstable Families, p. 335, part 1.)

Otis: "Coggin's Pond was afterwards called Hinckley's Pond, now Great Pond—a very indefinite name. Cooper's or Nine Mile Pond is also called Great Pond." Its beautiful shores and the surrounding drives and groves, where the trailing arbutus is so plentiful, furnish opportunity for most delightful outings.

‡ Thomas Hinckley, sixth and last Governor of the Colony of New Plymouth, son of Samuel Hinckley. Consult Otis's Barnstable Families; Moore's Lives of the Governors of New Plymouth and Massachusetts; and Coll. Mass. Hist. Soc., 4th series, vol. v: p. xiii, historical preface to "Hinckley Papers."

§ Henry Coggin was of Boston in 1634, afterwards of Scituate, and removed with the first settlers to Barnstable in 1639. His name is written: Coggin,

Tilley. Between Coggin's Pond and the present court house were Isaac Robinson, James Cudworth, Samuel Jackson, Thomas Allyn, John Mayo, John Caseley, Robert Linnell, William Caseley, Thomas Lothrop and Thomas Lambert. Several, including John Bursley, settled west of Coggin's Pond, the settlement, like the present village, being scattered along for a space of three miles. The centre of the village then was a little east of Coggin's Pond. Many of these first houses were made of timber and lumber brought from the saw mill at Scituate,* the distance by water being short and transportation by boats easy. The house in which Governor Hinckley lived and died was just east of Marcus M. Nye's store, on the north side of the country road, near the head of 'Calf Pasture lane.' The governor's former house† was on the opposite side of the country road, and here under a stone wall, is the well which he used. The so-called Scudder lane of later years was 'Calf Pasture lane' in the early days of the village, and led to common lands held at that time by the proprietors, and which are known to this day as the 'Calf Pasture lands.' It is in tradition that the first comers to this town and village first settled at this pasture land, and the next year moved back from the water. Among the early industries was the making of salt.‡

On January 5, 1643-4, Thomas Lothrop, Thomas Hinckley, Henry Cobb, and Isaac Robinson, a son of the Rev. John of Leyden, drew up a list of those who were then inhabitants of

Coggan, Cogan, Coggen, Cogain, also Goggin. His home-lot in Barnstable, containing $10\frac{1}{2}$ acres, was bounded easterly by Coggin's now called Great Pond, southerly by the highway and John Finney's land, westerly by Henry Bourne's land, and northerly by the meadow. His house stood near the spot where Sturgis Gorham, Esq., built the house now owned by the Smiths. (Otis, in Barnstable Families, p. 189.)

* This saw mill was erected about 1636 by Isaac Stedman, and was on the site of the later Stockbridge's mills.—Deane's Scituate, pp. 16, 17.

† It is to be recalled that Lawrence Litchfield's estate was near Hinckley's, so it is quite easy to tell its location. Otis's Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families (1888), p. 5: "The records of the laying out of the lands of Barnstable in 1639, are lost. The entries made of the lands of Thomas Allyn furnish the best information we have on the subject." In 1654, he owned six of the original house-lots. These lots with others, constituted the central portion of the village as originally laid out. "On the west, probably in the order named, were the lots of Gov. Hinckley, Samuel Hinckley, Gen. Cudworth, James Hamblen, Lawrence Litchfield, Henry Goggin (or Coggin), (on the west of Goggin's pond) Henry Bourne, William Crocker, Austin Bearse, John Cooper, Thomas Hatch, Robert Sheley, William Betts, Henry Coxwell, Dollar Davis, John Crocker, Thomas Shaw, Abraham Blish, and Anthony Annable. The farm of the latter is now owned by Nathan Jenkins."—*Ibid.*, p. 7.

‡ Perhaps it was this which attracted Lawrence Litchfield to Barnstable before his friends had come with Rev. Mr. Lothrop, from Scituate.

Barnstable, and the 45 named were probably householders. In making this list, they commenced at the west end of the plantation, at Anthony Annable's, now Nathan Jenkins's, and proceeded eastward, recording the names of the inhabitants in the order in which they resided, to Mr. Thomas Dimmock, whose house stood a little distance east of where Isaac Davis's now stands.

TOWNSMEN OF BARNSTABLE, JANUARY, 1643-4.

Anthony Annable, from Scituate, 1640; Abraham Blush, from Duxbury, 1640; Thomas Shaw, from Hingham, 1639; John Crocker, from Scituate, 1639; Dollar Davis, from Duxbury, 1641-2; Henry Ewell, from Scituate, 1639; William Betts, from Scituate, 1639; (William Pearse of Yarmouth, 1643); Robert Shelley, from Scituate, 1639; Thomas Hatch, from Yarmouth, 1642; John Cooper, from Scituate, 1639; Austin Bearse, came over in 1638, of Barnstable, 1639; William Crocker, from Scituate, 1639; Henry Bourne, from Scituate, 1639; Henry Coggins, Boston, Spring of 1639; *Lawrence Litchfield of Barnstable, Spring of 1639*; James Hamblin, London, of Barnstable, Spring of 1639; James Cudworth, from Scituate, 1640; Thomas Hinckley, from Scituate, 1639; Samuel Hinckley, from Scituate, July 8, 1640; (William Tilly, Spring of 1639, removed to Boston, 1643); Isaac Robinson, from Scituate, 1639; Samuel Jackson, from Scituate, 1639; Thomas Allyn, Spring of 1639; (Mr. Joseph Hull, from Weymouth, May, 1639); Mr. John Bursley, from Weymouth, May, 1639; Mr. John Mayo, came over in 1638, of Barnstable in 1639; John Casley, from Scituate, Spring of 1639, William Caseley, from Scituate, Spring of 1639; Robert Linnett, from Scituate, 1639; Thomas Lothrop, from Scituate, 1639; Thomas Lumbard, of Scituate, 1639; Mr. John Lothrop, from Scituate, Oct. 20, 1639; John Hall, from Charlestown, 1641; Henry Rowley, from Scituate, 1639; Isaac Wells, from Scituate, 1639; John Smith, of Barnstable, 1639; George Lewis, from Scituate, 1639; Edward Fitzrandolphe, of Scituate, 1639; Bernard Lumbard, from Scituate, 1639; Roger Goodspeed, of Barnstable, 1639; Henry Cobb, from Scituate, Oct. 21, 1639; Thomas Huckins, from Boston, 1639; John Scudder, from Boston, 1639; Samuel Mayo, of Barnstable, 1639; Nathaniel Bacon, of Barnstable, 1639; Richard Foxwell, from Scituate, 1639; and Thomas Dimmock, from Hingham, Spring of 1639.

Many others were or had been residents of Barnstable, who were not "townsmen" at this date.

In the Company Roll of all male persons in Barnstable Company, between the ages of 16 and 60, able to perform military duty, in August, 1643,* were the following non-commissioned officers and privates:

John Lothrop, John Mayo, Richard Foxwell, Nathaniel Bacon, Samuel Mayo, John Scudder, Roger Goodspeed, Henry Cobb, Barnard Lambert, Thomas Huckens, Edward Fitzrandle, George Lewis, Isaac Wells, Henry Rowley, Thomas Lothrop, John Hall, Thomas Lambert, Robert Linnett, William Casley, John Bursley, Thomas Allen, Samuel Jackson, William Tilly, Samuel Hinckley, Thomas Hinckley, John Smyth, James Cudworth, Nicholas Symkins, James Hamlin, Henry Coggen, Henry Bourne, William Crocker, Austin Berse, Thomas Shaw, John Cooper, Thomas Hatch, Robert Shelley, William Pearse, William Beetes, John Crocker, Abraham Blush, Henry Ewell, Dolar Davis, *Lawrence Litchfield*, Thomas Boreman, Anthony Annable, John Caseley, John Russell, John Foxwell, Thomas Blossom, Samuel Lothrop, Joseph Lothrop and David Linnett.

The commissioned officer of this company was Lieut. Thomas Dimmock.†

In 1638, the famous Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston was founded by Capt. Robert Keayne, who had been a member of the Honourable Artillery Company of London.

Laurence Litchfield, 1640, joined A. & H. A. Co., of Barnstable, whence he removed after 1643, and in 1646 is found in Scituate. He died in Scituate in 1650. He was sent to Boston to study the art of war, that he might command an offshoot of the Barnstable train band about to swarm in a new location at Sippican on the north shore. He settled in Barnstable near what is called the Great Pond, and

* Pierce's Colonial Lists, p. 73.

† Thomas Dimmock (various spellings) was from Dorchester, and with Rev. Joseph Hull was an original grantee, in 1639, of lands in Barnstable, although a previous grant had been made to Mr. Richard Collicut of Dorchester, but was withdrawn. Probably Hull and Dimmock were associates of Collicut. Dimmock and Hull were deputies for Barnstable in Dec. 1639 (Otis). Dimmock was representative from Barnstable in 1640-1-2-8-9 and 1650; commissioned Lieut., Oct. 10, 1643, and Ensign, June, 1638 (?), of Barnstable Company; on council of war, Sept. 27, 1642, for the alarm of that year, and, Oct. 10, 1643, on committee to provide a place of safety for women and children, if the townspeople of Barnstable did not so provide (Pierce). Rev. Joseph Hull (or Hall, as his name occurs in Hotten's lists) settled first at Weymouth (Pope). He came in 1635.

adjoining to the estate of Gov. Hinckley. Mr. Litchfield is believed to be the progenitor of the families of New England of this name.*

"Lawrence Litchfield, 1614-1657, Member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, 1640, and of Lieut. Thomas Dymoke's Company at Barnstable, in active service with the Indians, 1643-4."†

From Roberts's History, pages 98-9, we learn the names of the members who were elected and were officers, in 1640-1. The officers were: Robert Sedgwick (1637), captain; Capt. Femys (1638), lieutenant; William Tyng (1638), ensign; Thomas Savage (1637), senior sergeant; Francis Cosen (1640), junior sergeant; John Johnson (1638), clerk.

The new members recruited for the A. & H. A. Company were:

Joseph Cooke, Cambridge; David Courtney; Francis Cosen; Wentworth Day, a surgeon at Cambridge; Henry Dunster, first president of Harvard College; Daniel Fisher, a representative and captain in Dedham; Joshua Fisher, town clerk of Dedham; John Friend, carpenter, worked on first Harvard College building, of Salem and Boston; John Gutteridge, tailor, Boston; William Hudson, prominent in military affairs of Boston; John Humfrey, Lynn, one of the six original purchasers of Mass. Bay, from Plymouth Council, Mch. 19, 1637; John Hurd, tailor, Boston; Thomas Lechford, Boston, first attorney to emigrate to New England; Lawrence Litchfield; Henry Looker (Loker), early settler of Sudbury; Francis Lyall, Boston, barber-surgeon; Thomas Marshall, Lynn, representative, captain, landlord of "Anchor Tavern;" James Oliver, Boston, in King Philip's war; Ralph Ory; Henry Phillips, Dedham, butcher, representative; Samuel Shepard, prominent in Cambridge; Christo-

* Roberts's History of the A. & H. A. Co., vol. i: p. 107. The date of his death, as given here, is only approximate.

† From Year Book (1896), Society of Colonial Wars, pp. 66, 351. The date of birth, as given there, is only conjectural; the date of death is wrong. Edward Hubbard Litchfield of Brooklyn, N. Y., a member of this Society, derived eligibility to membership, from his descent from Lawrence Litchfield. Therefore any descendant of Lawrence Litchfield may join this Society, under its rules.

It is interesting to note that in the roll of members of the "Honourable Artillery Company" of London, Eng., from 1611 to 1682, the following Litchfields are found: June 6, 1615, William "Lichfeild;" March 20, 1626, William "Lichfeild;" May 26, 1674, Phillip "Lichfield;" and in 1677, the Earl of Lichfield. From Ancient Vellum Book of the H. A. C.—edited, G. A. Raikes, 1890.

pher Stanley, Boston, tailor; Robert Turner, Boston, innholder, "Blue Anchor" tavern; David Yale, Boston, father of Elihu Yale, founder of Yale College.

In such a goodly company our ancestor must have been a respected and active member.

The absence in this roll of members of any name connected with Scituate, or in fact with the history of Plymouth County is evidence that Lawrence¹ Litchfield joined it while residing in or near Boston, coming, probably, from Barnstable, or Scituate, "to study the art of war," as has been stated. Savage says he was not a resident of Barnstable after 1643. He probably continued his membership until his death, about ten years.

The first discovered fact which connects his name with Scituate is the record of the birth of his daughter, Dependance,² Feb. 15, 1646, on Scituate town records. From then on, he is supposed to have been an inhabitant of that town, but there is no record in Scituate of his becoming a citizen, of joining the church, or of serving his fellow-men in any civil capacity. There are and have been various private, chart, and "tree" accounts of Lawrence¹ Litchfield and his descendants, but many of the statements in the same are incorrect or misleading. Very little dependence should be put upon their historical truthfulness. One account speaks of Lawrence¹ Litchfield as being "a measurer of lands," another of him, as being sent by the Council on "discoveries far inland," and as "an able man."*

The registries of deeds and of probate at Barnstable contain nothing of Lawrence¹ or of his family. In 1827 the burning of the court-house at Barnstable destroyed all the early land records deposited there.

At Plymouth, in deeds or probate, Lawrence¹ does not occur as grantor, grantee, or testator, and on the criminal calendar his name is not found. In those times the most trifling faults were noted, and he who escaped a prosecution must necessarily have lived a blameless life. He also kept his name off the civil docket.

* On authority of Mrs. Julia Griggs⁷ (Litchfield) Hills, Hartford, Ct., but who cannot state her source of information (1899).

He had no lawsuits. This is negative evidence, but it is testimony in favor of his being a quiet, peaceable man, one who minded his own business, a desirable neighbor and a good citizen.

Morse, in his Litchfield Genealogy, says :

The silence of court records, properly considered, and the peace and good order of the community in which he lived, seem to endorse his civil character, while the eminent piety of the company in which he was found, and his voluntary continuation with them, more than the longest fraternized residence with any foreign mission, indicate that he was like-minded and truly a man of God.

Lawrence¹ Litchfield was entitled to hold land in "Conihasset" (Scituate), for those rights descended to his heirs and successors as will be noted.

No settlement of the estate of Lawrence¹ Litchfield has been found. He died at Scituate, according to several authorities, in 1650, but the compiler thinks it was in 1649. On his death-bed he left his youngest son, Josiah², to the care of John Allen and wife (see page 38). On March 20, 1657-8, according to the affidavit of Judith (Dennis-Litchfield) Peaks, formerly wife of Lawrence¹ Litchfield, Josiah² had been living with the Allens "by the Space of about nine yeares," and as he had not immediately gone to live with them after the death of his father, it is reasonable to infer that Lawrence¹ died in the year 1649, instead of 1650, as stated above. Lawrence¹ was living on November 14, 1648, when he was made a beneficiary of the will of Thomas Rickard.*

Lawrence¹ Litchfield was undoubtedly buried in what is known as the "First Parish Burying-ground," at Scituate Harbor. This

* Thomas Rickard was in Scituate as early as 1639, when he was a town officer. His name is spelled variously,—Reccord, Record, Ricard, Rickerd, etc. The modern form is, perhaps, Richard or Richards. Deane's Scituate does not mention him, but his name occurs quite often in the Plymouth Colony Records, as of Scituate. Perhaps he was a relative of William Richards, in Scituate in 1636 (Deane); and the Rickards of Plymouth and vicinity were undoubtedly his kinsmen. Morse suggests that he was a relative of Lawrence Litchfield. At the time of making his will he was evidently unmarried, or a widower and childless. The Rickards were probably natives of Kent County, England, as parish registers of the early part of the 17th century reveal many of the name as living there before 1620. A more extended account of Thomas Rickard may be found in the Appendix to this Genealogy. He died probably the last of November, 1648. Morse's Litchfield Genalogy confuses Thomas "Dennis" with Thomas Rickard.

adjoined the first church and its yard. Probably his sons Experience² and Josiah² were also buried there. But no stone remains to record their burial. It is hoped by the compiler to raise an amount in the near future sufficient to defray the expense of placing a stone in this "God's acre," in memory of Lawrence¹ and Josiah² Litchfield. Every descendant is asked to contribute.

WILL OF THOMAS RICKARD OF SCITUATE.*

The will of Thomas Rickard exhibited upon the Oathes of Joseph Tilden† and Richard Garret‡ on the generall Court holden at new Plymouth the 8th of June 1649.

In the Name of God amen &c: I Thomas Rickard of Scituate being in perfecte memory although weake in body doe by these presents make this my last will and Testament the fourteenth day of November Anno domini 1648 in maner folloing viz Imprimis I bequeath my soule to god who gaue it and my body to the dust to bee buried at the usuall buring place in a decent maner and my goods in maner foloing

It I giue and bequeath unto Thomas Pinshon§ the elder to *Laurance Letchfeild* henery Adverd|| and Thomas Ingham¶ my two acars of Rye y^t is on the ground y^t Joseph Tilden bought of mee the said Rye to bee equally devided between them;

It I giue unto Thomas Pinsin my bedd and Rugg one paire of sheets and pilloty [pillows?];

It I giue and bequeath unto Joane the wife of the abovsaid Thomas Pinsin my bason and foure sheets

It I giue and bequeath unto Joane Stanlacke** my Chest

It unto Richard Stanlacke my best briches and dublit and ould coate

* Dated 1648. Plymouth Colony Records, vol. i, Wills: part 1: p. 80.

† Joseph Tilden was Dea. Joseph, the successor of his father, Elder Nathaniel Tilden, of Scituate.

‡ Dea. Richard Garrett, who married Lydia Tilden, sister of Joseph, just named. He was the first Town clerk of Scituate.

§ Thomas Pincin or Pinson was in Scituate in 1636; he married Jane or Joan Standlake, dau. of Daniel. This name is now "Stanley."

|| Henry Adverd (or Adford) was in Scituate in 1640. He married Tamsen Manson, 1643. (Deane, p. 211.)

¶ Thomas Ingham was in Scituate in 1640; he was a weaver; both he and wife were suspected of witchcraft. (Deane, p. 291.)

** Dau. of Richard and granddaughter of Daniel Standlake.

It unto Thomas Pinsin and hanna Pinsin the Children of the abovsaid Thomas Pinsin one twelve-monthing Calfe w^h I had of the ould beare

It I giue unto my Cozin henry Borne * my best Coat

It I giue & bequeath unto Richard Garrit my Calfe y^t is at Thomas Tildens.

It I giue unto John the son of Elisha Besbee † all the mony y^t is due unto mee for the bullock y^t Joseph Tilden Bought of mee

It I giue unto William Parker ‡ and Isaac Buck § fifty shillings y^t is deu to mee from Joseph Tilden for my Land; the said fifty shillings to bee equally deuided betwixt them; I would intreat Mr hatherly [Timothy] to take the Cow y^t I had of Joseph Tilden and make sallie of her and to peserve Three pound and foure shillings in his hands to pay Edward hogg when he shall demaund it and the remainder I giue and bequeath unto *Laurrance Letchfeeld* and Thomas Ingham equally to bee deuided between them

It I giue and bequeath unto Thomas Pinsin all the Rest of my goods and him I make my Sole and whole Executor to see my body desently buried and my will pformed in Wittness whereof I haue heerunto set my hand and Seale the day and yeare first written

Signed Sealled in
the p'sence of
Richard Garret
Joseph Tillden

The Signe of
THOMAS RICKARD



On page 81 of the same volume is the record of the inventory of the estate of Thomas Rickard, which was taken on Dec. 2, 1648, by Humphrey Turner and Joseph Tilden, and amounted to £25-12-3. This inventory was presented with the will and Joseph Tilden made oath to his signature, June 8, 1649.

Lawrence^r, Litchfield died before February 16, 1649-50, the date of the will of William Dennis, the father of Lawrence's wife, Judith. In this will of William Dennis (see page 18),

* Deane says that "Henry Bourn was a freeman in Scituate 1637, but not an householder" and "removed to Barnstable in 1639." "He was brother to Richard Bourn the first preacher to the Marshpee Indians." "Cozin" did not mean "Cousin" necessarily; it probably means nephew here.

† This name also appears as Besbedge and Bisby; it is now written "Bisbee." Elisha kept the first ferry in Scituate, in 1644. (See Deane, p. 221.)

‡ He was a freeman in Scituate in 1640; his first wife was Mary Rawlins, and his second, Mary, dau. of Humphrey Turner.

§ Lieut. Isaac Buck, blacksmith, of Scituate.

the testator bequeaths property to his son-in-law, William Peakes, who married widow Judith Litchfield. Scituate records give the date of the latter marriage as Oct. 2, 1650. Thus the discrepancy between the dates of William Dennis's will and William Peakes's marriage becomes apparent. The latter date should probably be Oct. 2, 1649, the mistake arising from a misunderstanding or postponement of record. Lawrence¹ died, it seems quite conclusive, some time in the last six months of 1649.*

Wherever the name of Litchfield occurs in old records, there is much variation in its spelling. This is true, also, of the Christian name of Lawrence. These varied spellings will be noted throughout this work.

The wife of Lawrence¹ Litchfield was Judith Dennis.[†] She was the daughter of William Dennis.

Plymouth Colony Records, vol. xii, gives information concerning a William Dennis of Plymouth and a William Dennis of Scituate. The former was son of the latter, as a reading of the appended deeds will disclose. Deane does not give any Dennis. N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, vol. v : page 335, Savage, and Pope, are wrong in their statements regarding the will of William Dennis of Scituate.

A William Dennis took the oath of fidelity in Plymouth; on March 4, 1638-9 he was granted six acres of land at "Kenelmes Dingle," in Plymouth, and on March 24, 1638-9, he bought some land, which he sold in 1640 (see appended deeds). William, Jr., returned to England that year. In 1677 a William Dennis was member of the "Honourable Artillery Company" of London. Perhaps this was Judith's brother. In 1615, a Christopher "Dennys" was a member. It seems very probable that the family of Dennis was from Kent County, England, as the name was quite common there before and about 1620.

William Dennis, Sr., was in Scituate in 1642, and perhaps earlier. It is not known what relation he bore to others of the same family

* One must not forget that before March, 1752, the calendar year began on March 25, and closed on the following March 24. Hence we have double dates between January 1 and March 25, and so we call a year by new or old style dating, according as we consider its beginning on January 1, or March 25. For example, Feb. 16, 1649-50 means Feb. 16, 1649, *old style*, or Feb. 16, 1650, *new style*. Careful attention to this will oftentimes prevent wrong conclusions.

† Compare Savage and Pope. Also, Morse's Genealogy, which is entirely wrong as to her name.

name in Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay Colonies, of which there was a large number. Pope says he was a freeman, March 9, 1637, and was a shoemaker by trade, but it is hard to tell which William is intended in the early entries. In 1642-3, William, Sr., had charge of his son's unsettled affairs in New England. He died probably in April, 1656. His will is appended. The names of his wife and other children (if any) are unknown. He was undoubtedly a widower when he made his will. More concerning the Dennis family will appear in the Appendix.

DEED OF RICHARD CLOUGH TO WILLIAM DENNIS.*

MEMORAND the xxiiijth of March 1638 That Richard Clough of Plymouth Taylor doth acknowledg that for and in consideracion of the sume of seaven pounde tenn shillings sterl to him in hand payd by Willm Dennis of the same shooemaker hath freely & absolutely bargained and sould vnto the said Willm Dennis all those fие acres of land be it more or lesse lying at fishing poynt betweene the lande of Thomas Pope on the North side and the lande of Willm Hiller on the South side and all the fence and labours in and about the same together wth all his right title & interrest of and into the same and euery pt & pcell thereof wth all and singulare thapp'rence therenvnto belonging To haue and to hold the same fие acres of lande & fencing aboute the same wth all and singuler thapp'rence therenvnto belonging vnto the said Willm Dennis his heires and Assigues foreu^r to the onely prper vse of him the said Willm Dennis his heires & Assigne foreu^r.

In a deed of land to William Hiller from Mark Mendlove, dated Nov. 6, 1639, William Dennis and Thomas Clarke are mentioned as abutters on this land, which was at Eel River in Plymouth.†

DEED OF WILLIAM DENNIS TO RICHARD WILLIS.†

MEMORAND the fift day of October 1640 That Willm Dennis doth acknowledg that for and in consideracon of the sum of twenty pounde sterl to be payd by Richard Willis of Plym in mannere & forme folowing That is to say twenty markes by as much as twenty bushells of Indian Corne will yeild this yeare & to be deliuered the first day

* Plymouth Colony Records, vol. xii (Printed): p. 42.
† *Ibid.*, p. 49.

‡ *Ibid.*, pp. 63-4.

of Nouember next and the remaynder of it the next yeare assoone as Corne shalbe merchantable and the other twenty nobles in the same season when Corne is merchantable in the yeare after All w^{ch} paymente are to be made in money Corne or cattell in manner and forme aforesaid The said Willm Dennis hath freely & absolutely bargained and sould vnto the said Richard Willis All that his house and lande therevnto belonging lying at the Eele Riuer (w^{ch} was lately Richard Cloughs) and lying betwixt the lands of Thomas Pope and Mark Mendloue wth all and singuler thapp'tence therevnto belonging wth all his Right Title and Interrest of and into the said p'misss and euery pte & pcell thereof wth the fencing in & about the same To haue and to hold the said house and lands wth all & singuler their app'tence vnto the said Richard Willis his heires and Assignes for euer to the onely p'rper vse and behoofe of him the said Richard Willis his heires and assignes foreu^r.

John Barnes vndertaketh & p'miseth wth the said Richard Willis for the said payment & to pay them to the said Willm Dennis or to whom hee shall assigne them to be payd at the tymes they shall growe due and payable.

In the deed of Richard Willis to George Bonum, dated Feb. 13, 1640, by which was conveyed the premises bought of William Dennis, the latter's name is used designating these premises.

The xxijth March 1642.

MEMORAND That Whereas Willm Dennis of Plymouth before his going into England about a yeare and a half since did authorize and assigne John Winslow of Plymouth aforsd to receiue as such Debts and sums of money as were due & oweing vnto him here in New England And whereas also since by his lettres beareing date the xijth of November 1642 directed to the said John Winslow and another of the same date directed to Willm Dennis of Scittuate his Naturall father hath giuen further power that the said John Winslow should assigne and make ouer the said Debts vnto the said Willm Dennis the father for such sume as he should agree wth him for so that it was not vnder twenty markes Now the said John Winslow by vertue of the said lettres hath assigned and made ouer the said Debt & unto the said Willm Dennis the father for the sume of sixteene pound &. And the said Willm Dennis the father in consideracon that the said John Winslow shall pay the sixteene pounds in Beaver to Willm his sonn and pay him xl^l more in manner & forme following

that is to say vj^l by a Cowe xxx^s by a Bill to Georg Lewis of Barnestable and iij^l x^s in corne or cattell the first of November next at Plymouth Hath reassigned and made ouer vnto the said John Winslow all & singuler such said Debts and sums of money as were or are due app'taineing vnto the said Willm Dennis his sonn here in New England.

Richard Clough (Cluff), mentioned in first deed, was of Plymouth, 1634; Mark Mendlove was of Plymouth, 1637; for Richard Willis and Thomas Pope, see Davis's Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth (Mass.).

WILL OF WILLIAM DENNIS.*

The last Will and Testament of Willam Dennis of Scittuat exhibited att the court holden att Plymouth the fift of may 1656 and ordered to bee recorded.

In the Name of God Amen I Willan Dennis of Scittuate being in p^rfect memory although weake in body doe by these presents make my last will and Testament the sixteenth day of february 1649 in manor following viz Imprimis I bequeath my soule to god that gaue it and my body to the dust to bee buried att the usuall buring place^f in a decent manor: and my goods in manor following: I giue and bequeath unto *Remember Leichfeild, Dependance Leichfeild and Experience Leichfeild* my blacke Cow which is now in the hands of James Cudworth ‡ equally to them to bee deuided and to bee kept for theire use with halfe the profitt of the said Cow untill they the said *Remember Leichfeild Dependance Leichfeild and Experience Leichfeild* shall come to age or bee married and if either of them die in the meantime the cow and the encrease of her shall redound unto the Survivors; the rest and resedue of my goods my debts being payed and my body decently buried I giue and bequeath unto *my son in law William Peakes and my daughter Judith his wife* whom I make sole executor and executrix, Intreating Mr Timothy Hatherly James Cudworth and Thomas Pinson§ to see the Cow formerly mentioned

* Plymouth Colony Records, vol. vi, Wills: part 1 : p. 35.

† This was probably the First Parish Burying-ground, at Scituate Harbor.

‡ This was Gen. James Cudworth, who at this time was Assistant in the Government.

§ Timothy Hatherly was one of the original grantees of Scituate; the other three sold their grants to him, and he thus became the owner of the whole. Thomas Pinson owned land in Scituate, in 1636, and was the progenitor of the Pincin family.

with the Increase to bee ordered for the best advantage of the Children and giueing them power together with *my son in law William Peakes* so to doe: In Witnesse wherof I have heerunto sett my hand and Seale the day and yeare aboue written

Signed Sealed

in the p'sence
of

M^r Timothy Hatherly
James Cudworth.

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WILLAM DENNIS.



Judith Dennis was probably born in England, perhaps in Kent, where Lawrence¹ may have known her before they emigrated to America. They were married about 1640, but the place and exact date thereof are unknown. The date of her birth is conjectural. Her first child, Experience² Litchfield, was born probably in 1641 or 1642; her last child, William Peakes, Jr., was born July 15, 1662; she died in September or October, 1685. In her will, 1685, she does not speak of herself as "aged" or "infirm," which was a common thing to do in the case of testators who were in old age. She was probably a little younger than Lawrence¹ Litchfield.

Widow Judith (Dennis) Litchfield married, Oct. 2, 1649,* William Peakes, as her second husband, and his first wife. William Peakes† was a freeman in Scituate in 1643; took the oath of fidelity in 1644; in 1655, 1677 and 1678, served on coroner's juries; constable in 1666 with Richard Dwelly and John Rogers, all of Scituate; he also served as surveyor of highways with Robert Stetson and William Ticknor. Deane says that William Peakes purchased lands of "goody Woodfield," widow of John Woodfield,‡ and that his house was at "Hoopole Neck," "on the east of the stepping stones way," where, in 1831,

* See discussion of this matter on pp. 14, 15, *supra*.

† Authorities on William Peakes: Deane's Hist. of Scituate; Winsor's Hist. of Duxbury; Plymouth Colony Records; Pierce's Colonial Lists. The name varies, like others of the olden time,—Pakes, Peaks, Peak, Peake, being common forms. A more complete account of William Peakes and his descendants, who are all half-cousins of the descendants of Lawrence¹ Litchfield, will appear in the Appendix to this Genealogy.

‡ See page 29.

his descendant, Eleazer Peakes, was living.* He owned, in 1680, 45 acres of upland and two shares of marsh besides one-half share in undivided Conihasset land. In 1673, he was on the list of "allowed and approved inhabitants" of Scituate to whom portions of the common lands were assigned by the joint committee of the Court and town. Among the names of the non-commissioned officers and privates of the Scituate Company, in August, 1643, that of William "Pakes" is given.

The children of William and Judith (Dennis-Litchfield) Peakes were :

- a. Thankful *Peakes*,† drowned on or about Nov. 15, 1655.
- b. Israel *Peakes*, b. in Scituate, Feb. 22, 1655-6.
- c. Eleazer *Peakes*, b. in Scituate, May 3, 1657.
- d. William *Peakes*, b. in Scituate, July 15, 1662.

The births of these sons may be found in the first book of Scituate vital records. Israel and William, and perhaps Eleazer, married and left descendants in Scituate. It is curious to note that some of the present residents of Scituate, who have married descendants of Lawrence¹ Litchfield, are direct descendants of William and Judith Peakes. There are none by the name of Peakes living at the present time in Scituate.

William Peakes was guilty of a misdemeanor which is recorded in Plymouth Colony Records, vol. v : p. 142 :—

March 4, 1673-4: William Peakes acknowledgeth to owe vnto our sou^r lord the Kinge the sume of £20.00. The condition, that if the said Willam Peakes doe prsonally appear att the Court of his mat^{ie} to be holden att Plymouth the first Tusday in June next, to make further answare for his beating, abusing and afrighting the wife

* It is said that the cellar-hole of this house may still be seen, out in the field, east of the road that leads past the home of Miss Sarah R. Damon, North Scituate. This is the place, probably, where Experience² Litchfield (see page 31) died, in 1673. This region is known as Battle's hill, and is crossed by Hallet street. This was in the Conihasset ("Cohasset") grant. (Deane, pp. 4-6.)

† Plymouth Col. Rec., Nov. 15, 1655: A coroner's jury was impanelled, which "did looke on the body of Thankfull Pakes, to enquire of the vntimely death of it. By the appointment of mee, Timothy Hatherly." This jury brought in the verdict that "wee find Willam Pakes his well to bee very dangerous, as both in that it lyes att the foot of a hill, as alsoe haueing noe fence aboute it to preserve a child from shooting or tumbling in; soe the child falling or tumbling in the water was the cause of the death of Thankfull Pakes." This is the only reference found in any record to this first child of Judith, by her second marriage.

of Josias Leichfield* and in the interem that hee behauē himselfe
peacably towards our sou'r lord the Kinge, and all his leich [liege]
people, and in speciall towards the wife of Josias Leichfield aforsaid,
and not depart the said Court without lycence ; that then, &c.

This court record, together with the opening words of his will,
would indicate that William Peakes was not as peaceable a citizen
and kind a husband and father, as Judith's first husband,
Lawrence[†] Litchfield, had been.

William Peakes died in the last months of 1682, or the beginning
of 1683 (new style). The settlement of his estate and that
of Judith, his wife, follow :

WILL OF WILLIAM PEAKES.†

The Last Will and Testament of William Peakes of Scittuate
late deceased of the Collonie of New Plymouth in America ; exhib-
ited to the Court held att Plymouth the first of June on the oathes of
James Briggs and John Briges‡ as folloeth ;

In the Name of God Amen the 31 of October 1682 The last Will
and Testament of William Peakes of Scittuate ; being sick and weake
of body but of Good pfect memory ; thanks be unto Almighty God ;
And calling to Mind and Remembrance, the uncertainte state of this
transent life and that all Flesh, must yield unto death when it shall
please God to call ; doe make Constitute ordaine and declare this my
last Will and Testament in Manor and forme following : revoaking
and annulling by these p'sents all and every Testament and Testa-
ments, will and wills heertofour by mee made and declared, either
by word or writing and this to be taken onely for my last will and
Testament ; and noe other ; and first being Penitent, and sorry from
the botom of my hart for my sines past most humbly desiring Pardon
and forgiveness, of the same, I Give and Comitt my soule unto
Almighty God my Saviour in whom & Redeemer in whom and by the
Merritts of Jesus Christ I trust and beleive assuredly to be saved and
to have full remission & of forgiveness all my sinnes and that my soul
with my body att the Generall day of Resurrection shall Rise againe
with Joy ; and through the Merritts of Christ his death and Pasion
Possesse and Inherett the kingdom of heaven prepared for his

* This was Sarah (Baker), wife of Josiah[‡] Litchfield.

† Plymouth Colony Records, vol. iv, Wills : part 2 : p. 41.

‡ Probably brothers — Lieut. James Briggs and Capt. John Briggs, sons of
Walter Briggs. (Deane, p. 225).

elect ; and Chossen ; and my bodey to be buried in such place where it shall please my executors after Named ; do appoint ; And Now for the settleing of my Temporal estate, and such goods cattles [chattels] and debts ; as it hath pleased God farr aboue my d^reserts to bestow upon me I doe order Giue and dispose the same in Manor and forme following ; that is to say, first I will that all those debts, and dutyes as I owe in Right & Confidence to any manor of person or prsons whatsoever shall be well and truly contented and payed ordained to be payed within Convenient time after my decease by my executors heer after Named ; Item I Giue unto my son Israel all my land that lyeth upon hoopole Neck ; and all the Marsh that I have, to him and his heires of his body Lawfully begotten ; also I Give unto my son Israell my fifty Acre lott Graunted by the Committee. Item I Give unto my son Eliezer my twenty acre lott that lyeth on the southerly side of hoopole Neck Swamp, with a quarter of a third of the undeuided land in Conahassett ; I Give unto my son Willam all my land att Showamett* Item I Give unto *my daughter in law Dependance Leichfeild†* thirty pounds ; and unto *my two Grand children; experience Luce and Remember Luce‡* five pounds both of them ; Item I Give unto my wife, all my Goods and Chattles and shee to pay the debts and legacies out of the estate ; my will and Meaning is ; that my wiffe shall be My Executrix and have all my land and Marsh and house soe longe as shee liueth a widdow onely my son Israell shall haue libertie to break up any Ground on the Necke for to plant and haue libertie to keep two oxen, and three Cowes on the Necke ; I Giue unto my son Israell half a share of the undeuided Land of Conahassett ; my will and meaning is that *my daughter in law Dependance Leichfeild*, shall haue houserome and fiering soe longe as shee liueth a single woman : In Witnes heeroft I haue heerunto sett my hand and seale ; the day and year aboue written

mark

The S WILLIAM PEAKES
of

Signed sealed and delivered

in the prsence of us.

James Briggs

John Briggs.

* "Showamett" (variously spelled) was a part of Swansea, now Somerset, near Fall River, Mass. This land had been purchased by William Peakes in 1677. (Deane, p. 128.)

† This, of course, means his step-daughter.

‡ These were children of Henry and Remember² (Litchfield) Luce, then living in Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard.

INVENTORY OF WILLIAM PEAKES.*

The Inventory of William Peakes, which is a lengthy account of his real estate and personal property, was "praised at Sittuate the: 14th of february in ye year 1682."

The appraisers were John Briggs and Samuel Clapp, and the total amount of the appraisal was £332. Among the items are:

6 bibles and other books	1 : 10 : 0
2 oxen	6 : 0 ; 0
3 cows	7 : 10 : 0
3-2 year old cattle	4 : 10 : 0
1-4 year old & 2-3 year old steers	7 : 15 : 0
2 yearlings	1 : 15 : 0
36 sheep	11 : 0 : 0
2 muskets and two swords	1 : 15 : 0
2 young horses and one mare	6 : 15 : 0
10 swine	4 : 0 : 0
The house & barne upland and marsh on ye neck . . .	150 : 0 : 0
Ye 50 acre lott lying in the woods towards hingham . .	10 : 0 : 0
20 acres of upland lying on ye southerly side of hoop-	
pole neck Swamp	30 : 0 : 0
halfe a share of land at Showamett	20 : 0 : 0

On May 21, 1683, Judith Peakes, widow, appeared before Judge John Cushing and made oath to above inventory.

It is to be noted that "6 bibles and other books" meant that this family was religious, and to some degree educated and well-to-do.

WILL OF JUDITH (DENNIS-LITCHFIELD) PEAKES.†

In the name of god Amen. The fifth of septimber 1685. I Judith Peaks of Scituate within the Colony of new Plimouth in new England Widdow the Relict of William Peakes late of Scituate deceased being weak of body and not knowing the time of my departure and being an Executrix to my Dear Husband deceased and am willing that my Children should live in love and peace, And being in perfect memory & sound understanding make this my last will and Testimony Imprimis: I give my soul to the lord that gave it me, and my body to the earth from whence it was taken, to be buried in

* Plymouth Colony Records, vol. iv, Wills: part 2: pp. 40-4.

† Plymouth Colony Records, vol. iv, Wills: part 2: p. 150.

such decent maner as shall be thought fit by my executors after named. After all my debts and Burial expenses are all fully discharged and paid and all the Legacies that were given by my Late Husband will fully Sattisfied and paid and as for the Rest of my estate my mind and will is in maner and form as followeth ffirst I doe hereby give and bequeath unto my Son Eleazar Peakes the one half of all my Estate both within deeds and and without after the debts Legacies and burial expenses are satisfied as abovesaid to him the s^d Eleazar Peaks for ever. I give and bequeath the other half of all my estate to my two sons Israel Peaks and William Peakes to be divided equally between them, that is to say to each of them one quarter thereof; the which said estate they are to possess and enjoy to them and to their Heires and assignes for ever; But if it shall please the Lord that my son Eleazar Peakes doth not Come Home to take his portion nor send for the same, then my will and mind is, that my son William Peaks and *my daughter Dependence Litchfield* shall have posess and enjoy ever my son Eleazars part of my estate that is to say to my Son William one quarter part and the other quarter part to *Dependence* And I doe hereby Constitute ordaine and make my two sons, Eleazar Peakes and my son William Peakes my true and Lawfull Executors of this my last will and I do desire my two friends Benjamin Pierce and Samuel Clapp* both of Situate to be my overseers thereof and to see the Same performed. And farther my will is that one of my Executors with the advice of my overseers shall have power to perform this my last will and Testimony And In Witness hereof I have here unto Set my hand and Seal the Day and year aboue written

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J: P:
of JUDITH PEAKES



Signed and Sealed in presence of us.

Witness Mary Dodson†

Samuel Clapp

On Oct. 29, 1685, Samuel Clapp made oath to his signature and on Dec. 4, 1685, Mary Dodson did the same. This will and the inventory, following, prove that Judith Peakes died

* Benjamin Pierce was the son of Capt. Michael Pierce, and Samuel Clapp was the son of Mr. Thomas Clapp.

† She was probably the wife or widow of Anthony Dodson; she lived near by. (Deane's Scituate, p. 263.) She was the daughter of John Williams. (Conihasset Records.)

between Sept. 5, and Oct. 14, 1685, thus surviving her first husband, Lawrence¹ Litchfield, a period of nearly thirty-six years; she must have been at death at least 65 years old.

INVENTORY OF JUDITH PEAKES.

A true Inventory of all and Singular the goods and Chattels and Credits of Judith Peakes deceased prised at Situate the 14th of October in ye year 1685.

Item her purse and apparel	06:00:00
In books	00:05:00
Item in 40 Sheepe and lambs	09:00:00
Item in 4 oxen	14:05:00
Item in 2 Cowes	04:10:00
Item in young Cattel	03:10:00
Item in A Coalt	00:15:00
Item in Chaines and other old Iron	01:19:00
Item in 3 swine	02:00:00
Item in horse geares	00:07:00
Item one ffether bed and furniture there unto belonging	06:00:00
Item on Silkgrass bed & furniture	05:00:00
Item one silk grass bed and furniture	03:10:00
Item 3 pair of sheets	02:10:00
Item 2 Table Cloths	00:07:06
Item 6 napkins	00:09:00
Item three doulas* pillows Cots	00:06:00
Item 6 Towels	00:03:00
Item 4 meal Baggs	00:10:00
Item in Brass	03:06:00
Item in Iron ware in the house	01:13:00
Item in pewter & tin ware	03:10:00
Item in Earthen ware	00:08:06
Item in wooden ware and lumber	01:11:00
Item in a grinding stone and fan	00:07:00
Item in more Iron ware other things	00:05:06
Item in Corne	03:10:00†
mistake	The totall 70:15:6:
in the last	BENJAMIN PIERCE SAMUEL CLAPP

On Oct. 29, 1685, William² Peakes swore to this inventory, and on Dec. 4, 1685, Israel² Peakes made oath to it.‡ The absence of Eleazer² Peakes's name in connection with this inven-

* Dowlas was a coarse linen cloth made in France.

† These figures are crossed out in the original.

‡ Plymouth Colo. Rec.: On Oct. 27, 1685, "The Court order, that Mr John Cushman gives Mary Dodson, Senr, her oath to the will of Judeth Peakes; & also, that he gives Israell Peakes his oath to the inuentory of Judeth Peakes, if the executor desires it."

tory and the substitution of that of his brother Israel,² show quite conclusively that Eleazer did not return to Scituate to claim his legacy, and it is therefore possible that Dependance² Litchfield as well as William² Peakes, became possessors of Eleazer's² share, according to the terms of Judith's will. Nothing has been found by the compiler to show that Eleazer² Peakes ever returned to his home in Scituate from some unknown place, where he was in 1685, when his mother made her will.

The children* of Lawrence¹ and Judith (Dennis) Litchfield were :

- 2. i. EXPERIENCE² (son), b. prob. Barnstable, abt. 1642 ; d. 1673, unm.
- 3. ii. REMEMBER (dau.), b. abt. 1644 ; m. Henry Luce, Martha's Vineyard.
- 4. iii. DEPENDANCE (dau.), b. Scituate, Feb. 15, 1646 ; d. prob. unm.
- 5. iv. JOSIAH, b. prob. Scituate, Apr. 3 or 4, 1648 ; m. Sarah Baker.

SECOND GENERATION.

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EXPERIENCE² LITCHFIELD (*Lawrence¹*), son and first child of our ancestors, Lawrence¹ and Judith (Dennis) Litchfield, was probably born at Barnstable, in 1641 or 1642, during his father's residence there, but no birth or baptismal record has been found. On Feb. 16, 1649, William Dennis (see page 18), his grandfather, bequeathed to him and his sisters a "blacke Cow." From Plymouth Colony Records we learn that "Experienc Leichfeld" was one who "haue taken the Oath of

* It is interesting to note, that of the children born to Richard Collicut (Collicot, see page 9), who was certainly a great friend and perhaps a co-partner and relative of Lawrence¹ Litchfield, while he was at Barnstable, two bore the same names as two of the latter's children; but it is to be noted, they were of the opposite sex. These children of Collicut and wife Thomasin, are recorded at Dorchester:

a. Experience Collicot (*daughter*), b. "29-7-1641."
b. Dependance Collicot (*son*), b. "5-5-1643."

Collicut had other children; he died in 1686. Winthrop's Journal, vol. ii : p. 410 (note).

Fidelitie" in Scituate, in 1668, thus becoming a freeman or citizen. On July 15, 1668, with Henry Luce, his brother-in-law, and others, he became part owner of land situated in or near Rehoboth, Mass., as the following deeds* witness :

Knowe All men by these p^rnts that whereas there hath been a certain Tract of Land purchased by Cap^t Joshua Hubbard† Liv^t Johⁿ Smith‡ Serg^t John Leuet§ and Nathaniell Baker|| of Hingham in New England in y^e Massatusetts of my Brother Alexander alias Womsittah¶ Deceased and certaine other Indians as may appeare more amply by this within written deed giuen vnder hand and Seale I Pom-me-toc-come als Phillip¶ chife Sachem of the aforsaid Purchased Land and right heire and successor^r of my Brother Womsitta alis Alexander Deceased Doe by these p^rsents for myselfe heires and successo^rs for eu^r hereby warrant the quiet and peaceably possession and Enioym^t of all and Every particul^r part and parcell of land mentioned in this Deed with all priuiledges & appurtinncs therunto belonging and vnto all true intents and purposes whatsoeu^r to the above mencioned Captaine Joshua Hubbard Liv^t Jn^o Smith Serg^t John Leuitt and Nathaniell Baker their heires and Assignes foreu^r In witnes whereof I haue hereunto set my hand and Seale this Eighth day of June In the yeere of our Lord One thousand six hundred sixty and foure [June 8, 1664].

Signed Sealed and de-
liu^rd in the p^rsence
of vs.

Jeremy Beale.
Caleb Hubbard.**

The marke P of
POW-ME-TOCOME alis
PHILLIP

These witnesses were Duly Sworne *per me* Will: Bradford†† Assist at Plymouth.

* Suffolk Co. (Mass.) Deeds, vol. vii (printed), p. 163. The plan is shown on pp. 164-5, and is dated Rehoboth, June 17, 1662.

† Joshua Hobart, son of Edmund Hobart of Hingham. (Lincoln's Hist. of Hingham, Mass., vol. ii : p. 336.)

‡ *Ibid.*, vol. iii : p. 153.

§ John Leavitt. *Ibid.*, vol. ii : p. 428.

|| Brother of Rev. Nicholas Baker. *Ibid.*, vol. ii : p. 18.

¶ Bodge's Soldiers in King Philip's War, p. 26. Sons of Massasoit, friend of the Pilgrims. The latter was the famous King Philip.

** Hist. Hingham, vol. ii : pp. 54 and 338.

†† Son of Gov. William Bradford.

Recorded & compared th^{is} 15th of 4m^o 1671 as Attests ffree Grace Bendall* Cler

This for to bee recorded adjoyning to the Indian Deed† of sale, bearing Date 17th June 1661.

Knowe All whom it Doth or may concerne that wee whose names are vnderwritten Joyst Purchasers of the Tract of land of the Indians as appeares by the Deed of Sale above-recorded bearing Date the 17th Day of June 1661 Haue & by these p^rsents Doe vpon good Considerations vs thereunto moving and Satisfacon in hand already receiued take in as Purchasers with vs and they to haue according to their part all libertyes and priuiledges as or selves Except other Condtions made with Willm Hatch and Jeremy Hatch & Thomas Hatch‡ and Jonas Perkeill as appeares. The Purchars received in as Partn^{rs} wth vs for their proportions are as follows

John Browne of Salem Jun§ one Eighth of the whole Purchase ; James Browne of Salem|| for one Eighth part of y^e Purchase And the Hatches & Perkell abovesaid together one Eighth part And *Henry Luce and Experience Leechfeild* for one two-and-Thirtyeth part and Caleb Hubbard a Thirty two part These proportions being Deducted w^{ch} being added together make one quarter part one Eighth and one sixteenthth which being Deducted out of the whole Purchase there remaynes still in Capt Joshua Hubbards hands one sixteenth and a two and Thirtieth part and in Nathaniell Bakers one Sixteenth and a thirty two part and in Serg^t John Leuetts hand one Eighth part and in Liv^t John Smiths hand one quarter part In witnes hereto wee haue Set or hands and Seales this fifteenth Day of July One Thousand sixe hundred sixty & Eight [July 15, 1668.]

Signed Sealed and	JOSHUA HUEBARD (Seal)
Deliurd in the p ^r sence	JOHN SMITH (Seal)
of vs	JOHN LEUET (Seal)
John Blake¶	NATHANIELL BAKER (Seal)
Jeremiah Beale	

* Son of Edward of Boston.

† Suffolk Deeds, vol. vii : p. 164. This land was fifteen miles square. The map of the plot is dated June 17, 1661.

‡ These three men belonged in Scituate. (Deane's Scituate, pp. 279-280.)

§ Probably the John Browne who married, 1669, Hannah, dau. of Francis Collins, representative from Marblehead and Salem. From Whittemore's Genealogical Guide to the Early Settlers of America (Spirit of '76).

¶ Probably brother of John, just mentioned.

|| Son of William and Agnes (Band) Blake.—Blake Gen. (1898); Savage, vol. i: p. 192.

Recorded & compared 15th: 4 mo 1671 [June 15, 1671] as Attest^{ts}
ffree Grace Bendall Cl.

On May 27, 1672, Experience^z Litchfield was left a legacy by the will of Esther (Hester) Woodfield* which reads as follows :

WILL OF HESTER WOODFIELD OF SCITUATE, 1672.†

I Ester Woodfeild of Scittuate in the jurisdiction of New Plymouth in New England in America ; being weak and sick in body but of p^rfect memory and understanding doe make this my last will and Testament ; this twenty seaventh of May 1672 in manor as followeth :

Impr^s: I giue to Nicholas Baker sen^r:‡ of Scittuate six pounds of silver mony of that mony that I haue now in the house by mee : Item I giue to the said Nicholas Baker my pyed Cow ; Item I giue to Isack Bucke§ of Scittuate Jun^r: the bedstead bed and all the bedding of it thāt haue the Green Rugg upon it, standing in the chamber where I now lye ; and chist that stands by my bedside Item I giue to the said Isaack Buck my mare and colt ; Item I giue unto *Experience Leichfeild* of Scittuate all my Iron tooles ; Item I giue unto hannah my maid servant four pounds of silver mony ; of that mony that is now in the house with mee ; Item I giue that ten pounds that is mine yett in Willam James|| his hand. I say I giue of it to *Judith*

* Esther Woodfield was the widow of John Woodfield of Scituate. John Woodfield was one of the Conihasset (Scituate) partners in 1646. His name occurs quite often in the old Conihasset Records, which are still preserved at the Town clerk's, Scituate, Mass., and which have been carefully consulted by the compiler. He was one of the "agitators" in a conference held between the first (north) and second (south) churches in Scituate, for the purpose of attempting a reconciliation in 1649 (see Deane). He took the oath of fidelity in Scituate before 1644 ; was propounded as a freeman, at Plymouth, June 5, 1651 ; again on May 4, 1652, and again on June 8, 1655. He died in 1669, leaving, by will, his whole estate to his wife, Hester. Rev. Nicholas Baker was one of the witnesses to this will. Inventory: £64:4:0. Esther (Hester) Woodfield died in 1672. A more extended account of the Woodfields will appear in the Appendix to this Genealogy. They had no surviving children. It would seem that there was some relationship existing between the Litchfields and Woodfields. Morse (Litchfield Gen.) has "Woodfine" for Woodfield.

† Plymouth Colony Records, vol. iii, Wills: p. 37.

‡ Rev. Nicholas Baker, whose daughter, Sarah, married Josiah^z Litchfield. He was Hester's pastor.

§ Son of Isaac Buck, who was in Scituate before 1647 ; a nephew of Cornet John Buck. (Deane, pp. 229-30.) The compiler is a descendant of Isaac, Sr.

|| Deane says that William James came "probably from Marshfield," as early as 1673. "He succeeded to a share in Conihasset lands in the right of John Woodfield," husband of Hester Woodfield.

peakes wife of Willam Peakes sen^r of Scittuat ten shillings; and to *Dependence Leichefeld* ten shillings; and to Israel Peakes* ten shillings, and to Willam Peakes* ten shillings, and to Byah Peirce† ten shillings and to Peirsis Peirce† ten shillings; and to Phillis Micaell Peirse his servant ten shillinges, and to the wife of ffrancis James‡ of hingham named Elizabeth five pounds; and to Robert Whetcombe sen^r:§ of Scittuate twenty shillinges; and to my servant hannah Ewell|| ten shillings; I giue to my servant hannah Ewell my browne Cow¶ and my bible and my best hatt; Item I giue my Pied heiffer to ffrancis Buck the wife of Isack Bucke of Scittuate; and my Cloak and my hood; Item I giue to Elizabeth Wade wife to Nicholas Wade** of Scittuate my Redson; and my broadcloth petticoat and my Wastcoat that shee made; Item I giue to Samuel Jakson†† of Scittuate my little black Cow; Item I giue to the wife of Thomas hiland‡‡ of Scittuate my serge petticoat; and my Green apron and my Green mantle that I use to weare on my shoulders; Item I giue to my servant hannah Ewell; all the rest of my wearing Clothes woolen and linnin; except those upon my bed that I were every day; which I giue those that shall lay mee forth equally to be deuided; Item I giue to hannah Ewell aforsaid all the rest of my beding and household Goods whatsoeur else of mine within dores and without not heer before disposed of by mee

further more I doe heerby make and Constitute my beloved friend henry Ewell of Scittuate my whole and sole Executor; of this my Last Will and Testament; and also desire and appoint Nicholas Baker and Richard Curtice§§ both of Scittuate to be the overseers of this my Last will; to be p^rformed according to my true Intent;

* Sons of William Peakes, Sr., by Judith.

† Daughters of Capt. Michael Peirce.

‡ Hist. of Hingham, vol. ii: p. 379.

§ He settled in the "Beechwoods," and married Mary Cudworth, dau. of Gen. James Cudworth. (Deane, p. 381.)

|| Probably the daughter (born 1649) of Henry Ewell.

¶ Deane's Scituate, p. 268, in an account of the will of Henry Ewell, appears to have made a mistake in quoting therefrom, and makes Sarah (Ewell) Northey, his daughter, the legatee of Esther Woodfield ("Goody Woodfeild"), instead of Hannah. As will be seen by the reading of the above will, no mention is made therein of Sarah Ewell.

** Her maiden name was Elizabeth Ensign, dau. of Thomas.

†† Samuel Jackson came from Plymouth in 1638. (Deane, p. 291.)

‡‡ Thomas Hyland was a freeman in Scituate, 1638. An ancestor of the compiler. (Deane, p. 290.)

§§ Richard Curtis was one of the four brothers who came to America, and finally settled in Scituate.

In witness of the truth; I haue sett to my hand and seale the day
and yeare abouewritten

ESTER WOODFIELD
her (U) marke



Signed and sealed
in the p^resence
of Micaell Peirse
Elizabeth (S) Wade*
her marke

This will was exhibited at Plymouth, June 5, 1672, and both
of the witnesses made oath to their signatures. The inventory
of Hester Woodfield was presented the same day as the will.
Its amount was, approximately, £80: 0: 0. The appraisers
were "Rodulphus Elmes" and "Steuen Vinall."†

Experience² Litchfield died at Scituate, Aug. 1, 1673, from
the result of an accident, as the following abstract from the
Plymouth Colony Records proves:

Wee, whose names are heervnto subscribed, being by Henery
Chettenden‡ the constable of Scittuate, impannelled on a coroners
inquest the second day of August, 1673, to make enquiry how *Experiencie Leichfeild* came to his suddaine and vntimely death, haueing
viewed the corpes and examined the witnesses, and seriously consid-
ered many concurring cercomstances, doe declare that wee doe clearly
apprehend, that *Experience Leichfeild*, the first of August, 1673, being
a loading a boate att Rodulphus Elmes his landing place att Hoopole
Necke§ in Scittuate, and haueing a waigthy peece of timber on his
shoulders to carry aboard the boate, goeing on vpon a muddy and
slippery planke, his feet flying vpp, and hee falling with his head,
and the logg falling on his eare and necke, soe that betwixt the logg
and the planke hee receiued soe mortall a wound in his hed, which
wee apprehend was the cause and meanes of his death, whoe died att

* There were several Elizabeth Wades at this time, and it is difficult to tell
which one this witness was, but she was probably the wife of Nicholas Wade,
mentioned before.

† Ancestor of the Ellms family, and son of Widow Anna Vinal, respectively.

‡ Son of Thomas Chittenden, one of the Conihasset partners. (Deane, p. 232.)

§ The location of this landing place was probably not far from the junction of
Hallet street and the road leading from North Scituate station to North Scituate
beach, in the marsh which the beach-road crosses. Rodolphus Elmes was one
of the Conihasset partners of 1646.

his father in lawes* house the same day, about evening shutting in; and this wee can attest vnto, being therunto called.

James Cudworth,	Thomas Hatch,
Micaell Peirce,	Steuen Vinall,
Timothy White,	Thomas Wade,
John Ensigne,	Joseph White,
William Hatch,	Mathew Ganett,
Edward Jenkens,	Samuel Jackson. [All of Scituate.]

It is quite clear from the above that Experience² Litchfield was highly respected in the community, and a strongly-built and industrious man. He was of a business turn of mind, as the inventory of his estate further shows. His trade was probably that of a carpenter. He had never married, and died intestate. On Oct. 29, 1673, his brother Josiah^{2†} was appointed administrator on his estate.

On March 4, 1673-4:

In reference vnto the estate of *Experience Leichfeild*, deceased, the Court haue ordered, that his brother, *Josias Leichfeild*, shall haue his land, and that the remainder of the estate, the debts being payed, shalbe equally deuided between him and *his two sisters*, in equall and alike proportions. [Plymouth Colony Records.]

For some reason or other, Josiah² was slow in his administration of the estate, as the following proves:

Oct. 27, 1674, “*Josias Leichfeild* is required by authority of the Court, without any further delay, to make pay vnto his two sisters, *Remember Lewse* [Luce] and *Dependance Leichfeild*, to each of them, the full of one third pte [part] of the estate of his brother, *Experience Leichfeild*, when the debts are payed.” [Plymouth Colony Records.]

The final settlement of Experience's estate did not occur until four years later, in 1678, as the following discharges‡ testify:

Know all men by these p'sents That I *henery Luse* of Tisbury on Marthas Vineyard doe by these p'sents discharge *Josiah Leichfeild* of

* This means his step-father, William Peakes.

† Plymouth Colony Records: Oct. 29, 1673, “Letters of adminnistration was graunted to *Josias Leichfeild* to adminnester on the estate of *Experience Leichfeild* deceased.”

‡ Plymouth Colony Records, vol. iv, Deeds: p. 345.

Scittuate Adminnestrator of the Estat of *Experience Leichfeild* of Scittuate deceased from all Legacies Debts Dues or Demands from the begining of the world unto this day; In Witness wherof I haue heerunto sett my hand this 24th of August in the year 1678

The **Z** marke of

Witnes

Henery Luse

John Briggs

John Studson.*

Be it Known unto all men by these pr'sents That I *Dependance Leichfeild* of Scittuate haue remised released and from Mee my heires doe by these pr'sents remise and discharge my Brother *Josiah Leichfeild* of Scittuate Adminnestrator of *Experience Leichfeild* deceased from all Legacyes Debts Dues Demands or whatsoeuer from the begining of the world untill the day of the date heer of In Witnes wherof I haue heerunto sett my hand this first day of Nouember In the yeer 1678.

The Marke **D** of *Dependance Leichfeild*.

Witness

John Briggs

Abigaill Rogers.†

INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE OF EXPERIENCE LITCHFIELD.‡

An Inventory of the estate of Experience Lichfeild late of Scittuate deceased about the begining of august 1673 taken by us whose names are underwritten, and exhibited to the Court held att Plymouth the 29th of October 1673 on the oaths of William Peakes and Josias Lechfeild as followeth.

Imprimis his purse and apparrell	.	.	.	.	.	14 : 10 : 00
Item his bookes	.	.	.	.	.	01 : 04 : 00
Item his debts viz: one bond	.	.	.	.	.	27 : 00 : 00
Item 2 bills	.	.	.	.	.	20 : 00 : 00
Item his tooles and other goods	.	.	.	.	.	14 : 03 : 00

[£76 : 17 : 00]

Item a Tytel of land mensioned in a writing, which wee are
Incable to prize by Reason of our Ignorance both of
the quantitie and quallitie theroff

Item a pcell of Timber transported to Boston which wee
know neither the quantitie nor vallue thereof.

JOHN BRIGGS.
STEUEN VINALL.§

* Son of Cornet Robert Stetson.

† Daughter of John Rogers; she married Timothy White, Jan. 1, 1678-9.

‡ Plymouth Colony Records, vol. iii, Wills: p. 94.

§ Stephen Vinal, son of Widow Anna Vinal of Scituate.

It is very clear from this inventory that Experience² was engaged also in shipping lumber to Boston and perhaps at the very time that the fatal accident overtook him. The "land" mentioned was undoubtedly that referred to on page 28, which was owned with his brother-in-law, Henry Luce. Josiah² became possessor of Experience's land, by the decree of the Court (see page 32). "His bookes" show that he was somewhat of a scholar, as only the educationally inclined or the wealthy possessed such luxuries.

3

REMEMBER² LITCHFIELD (*Lawrence*¹), daughter and second child of Lawrence¹ and Judith (Dennis) Litchfield, born before 1646, probably in 1644 (birthplace unknown, but perhaps Barnstable), was remembered in the will of her grandfather, William Dennis (see page 18). Remember* married about 1670, Henry Luce (sometimes Lucy), who may have been a son of Thomas Luce† of Charlestown.

Henry "Lewse" was impanelled on a jury in Scituate, Nov. 13, 1666, at the same time with William Peakes. In 1668, he and Experience² Litchfield had a mutual interest in Rehoboth land (see page 28). Farmer and Savage say that "Henry Luce was of Rehoboth in 1668." There is no reference to him, however, in the extant Rehoboth records. He was a resident‡ of Tisbury in 1673, and perhaps as early as 1671; in 1675, chosen surveyor; living Feb. 3, 1687; died before March 12, 1689.

Henry Luce, James Allen, John Eddy, Jeremiah Whitton, John Manter, Thomas Mayhew, John Tucker, Nathan Skiffe, James Skiffe,

* "Remembrance" is the name given her by Morse and Deane; this is incorrect and there has been found no authority for it in original records. Deane says that she married "Lewis" of Barnstable. This mistake arose from wrongly modernizing the name "Lewse." The compiler claims the distinction of proving the marriage of Remember² Litchfield to Henry Luce. He is sustained in his position by descendants, notably Miss Harriet M. Pease of Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

† Savage: "Had Samuel, b. 1644, says Farmer, to which I can add nothing, but that he probably removed soon." The compiler has found nothing further concerning him, or his family. Notice that Henry Luce had a son *Thomas*.

‡ On authority of Miss Harriet M. Pease, who has made quite a study of the Luce and kindred families of Martha's Vineyard.

Nathaniel Skiffe, and Simon Athearn were freeholders in Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard, in 1677. [Minn's Hist. Coll. of Martha's Vineyard.]

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Zephaniah Luce was among the first bearing the name to settle in Industry. His ancestry runs back four generations to *Henry & Remember* (—) *Luce*, the common ancestors of this numerous race in New England. The account proceeds to enumerate the generations of ancestors of Zephaniah⁵ Luce to " *Experience Luce*, who was born Feb. 7, 1673, and died Jan. 9, 1747, the son of *Henry & Remember Luce*. But little is known of *Henry Luce*, the maiden name of whose wife has not been learned." [Hist. of Industry, Me., p. 675.]

Miss Pease says that Remember, widow of Henry Luce, was living in November, 1708. Descendants settled in Maine, and early in Connecticut. A more complete account of this family will appear in the Appendix to this Genealogy.*

The children† of Henry and Remember² (Litchfield) Luce were :

- i. Remember³ *Luce*, b. abt. 1670 ; d. Jan. 31, 1739, aet. 69 ; m. Samuel Merry of Martha's Vineyard.
- ii. Experience *Luce*, b. Feb. 7, 1673 ; d. Jan. 9, 1747 ; m. Elizabeth Martin.‡
- iii. Josiah *Luce*, m. Sarah Allen, dau. of James Allen, Tisbury ; removed to Conn.
- iv. Thomas *Luce*, d. Tisbury, Apr. 1 (or Mch. 25), 1727 ; m. Hannah — ; twelve ch.
- v. Robert *Luce*, d. before 1714 ; m. Desire — ; seven ch., including Judith and Jonathan (m. Lydia Burgess).
- vi. Henry *Luce*, d. 1738-1743 ; m. Sarah Look,§ abt. 1699 ; five ch., viz.: Henry, Silvanus, Thankful, Sarah, and Christopher (ancestor of Harriet M. Pease).

* Luce is an old Scotch name, of Huguenot descent. The arms: Azure, a crescent argent. Crest: An eagle, wings displayed, holding in dexter talon a sword erect. (Cleveland Gen., vol. i: pp. 184, 194.)

† The names and other data were furnished by Miss Pease ; the arrangement is by the compiler. As Experience³ and Remember³ Luce are the only children of this family mentioned in the will of William Peakes, their step-grandfather, it is probable that they were the oldest. Henry Luce signed, on behalf of his wife, in 1678, a paper in settlement of their claims on the estate of Experience² Litchfield (see page 33).

‡ Dau. of John Martin, by wife Martha Lombard. (Deane's Scituate, p. 307.) One of the descendants of Experience Luce is Ferdinand B. Focké, Baltimore, Md. Others settled in Industry, etc., Maine.

§ Dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth (Bunker) Look, b. Apr. 3, 1678.

vii. William *Luce*, d. 1733-4; m. Yarmouth, Mass., July 5, 1704, Ann Crosby;* five ch.
 viii. Israel *Luce*, m. (Barnstable?) Dec. 16, 1701, Grace Baker.†
 ix. David *Luce*, m. (Tisbury?) Dec. 9, 1707, Elizabeth Pease ;‡ six ch.

4

DEPENDANCE² LITCHFIELD (*Lawrence*¹), second daughter and third child of Lawrence¹ and Judith (Dennis) Litchfield, was born in Scituate, where the record (only one of Lawrence's children) is still legible on the town clerk's first book of vital records: "Dependance the daughter of Larance Lechfeld was Borne ye 15 of Febuary 1646."

In 1672, by the will§ of Hester (Ester) Woodfield, Dependance² received ten shillings; in 1649 she was remembered, with her brother and sister, in the will of her grandfather, William Dennis ;|| in 1678, she signed a paper in receipt of all her interest in the estate of her brother, Experience² Litchfield ;¶ in 1683, William Peakes bequeathed** her thirty pounds and "houserome and fiering soe longe as shee liueth a single woman;" in 1685, her mother, Judith Peakes, mentions her in her will†† as unmarried.

It is possible that it was Dependance, called by Deane†† "Deborah," who married, in 1687, John² Cowen, son of John¹ Cowen and widow Rebecca Man, his wife. If this was Dependance² instead of "Deborah," then she was about forty-one years

* Of Harwich, Mass., dau. of Rev. Thomas and Sarah Crosby; b. Apr. 14, 1678; survived William.

† Dau. of Samuel and Fear (Robinson) Baker; Samuel was son of Rev. Nicholas Baker, and Fear Robinson was dau. of Isaac Robinson. (See Otis's Barnstable Families, p. 61.)

‡ Dau. of John and Abigail (Merry) Pease. A son of David Luce removed to Norwich, Ct., and perhaps the whole family.

§ See page 30.

|| See page 18.

¶ See page 33.

** See page 22.

†† See page 24.

†† Deane's Scituate, page 244. There was no "Deborah" among the descendants of Lawrence¹ Litchfield, in Scituate, old enough to marry in 1687, and the compiler fails to find another Deborah to fit the case. Deane was not infallible.

of age at marriage, and could not have been the mother of all of John² Cowen's children.*

It seems more probable that Dependance² died unmarried, although no record of the death of a Dependance† Litchfield (nor of a Deborah or Dependance *Cowen*) has been found, nor any record of administration on her estate. It is hoped that the compiler will be able to throw more light on this subject before the completion of this Genealogy. The supposition that Dependance² married a *Barrett* has no foundation.

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JOSIAH (or JOSIAS)² LITCHFIELD (*Lawrence*¹), the second son and youngest child of Lawrence¹ and Judith (Dennis) Litchfield, was undoubtedly born in Scituate, but no birth record has been found there. From Court records we judge that his birthday was April 3 or 4, 1648. When Josiah² was about two years old, his father died, and a short time afterwards, he became a member of the family of John and Ann Allen,‡ as their adopted child.

* Scituate Rec., vol. i: p. 60 (160): Sarah, b. July 9, 1688; Joseph, b. Apr. 18, 1690; John, b. Oct. 9, 1692; Joshua, b. July 9, 1694; Caleb, b. July 4, 1696; Israel "Cowing," b. Sept. 7, 1701; Mary "Cowing," b. Apr. 1 (?), 1705. Deane gives the same children. The name of the mother does not appear. No marriage record of John² Cowen has been found; he was born in Scituate, July 10, 1662, and thus was sixteen years younger than Dependance² Litchfield. If Dependance² was his wife, then he must have had two wives as mothers of his children.

† Among Boston marriages (1700-1751, printed vol.) is found: "Dependance Litchfeeld & Eliza Fairfeeld, married by Rev. Mr. Benj. Wadsworth Presbytn. Dec. 5, 1718." The sex of this "Dependance" precludes the possibility of identity with Dependance² of Scituate. Who was this Dependance of Boston?

‡ John Allen, 30 years, husbandman, and his wife, Ann, 30 years, came in the "Abigail," in 1635 (see Hotten's Lists). They were from Herne-hill, in Kent, Eng. It has been a tradition in the Litchfield family that John Allen was guardian to Lawrence¹ Litchfield and came with him from England, also that Judith, wife of Lawrence,¹ was a daughter of John Allen, but neither of these stories has foundation in fact. Probably there was some family connection between these families of Allen and Litchfield, but no marriages between them in this country have come to light. John Allen lived first in Plymouth, where land was granted him; this he sold in 1641, and removed to Scituate, where he was "freeman" in 1643, a "Conihasset" partner in 1646, constable in 1645, served as juror and on inquests. Deane says that he lived at Scituate Harbor, in a house purchased of Edward Foster, who lived on Kent street (so called to this day). The widow of John Allen, Ann (or Anne, or Anna), married, secondly, Capt. Michael Peirce, as his second wife, and survived him as his widow (Plym. Col. Rec.). John

ADOPTION OF JOSIAH LITCHFIELD BY JOHN AND ANN
ALLEN.*

Prence Gou^r

These p^resentes Witnesse that the 20th of march 165⁷ Judith the wife of Willam Peaks acknowledg'd that her former husband Lawrence Leichfeild lying on his death bedd sent for John Allin and Ann, his wife and desired to giue and bequeath unto them his youngest son Josias Lichfeild if they would accept of him and take him as theire Child. then they desired to know how long they should have him and the said Lawrence said for euer; but the mother of the child was not not willing then; but in a short time after willingly Consented to her husbands will in the thinge; if the said John and Ann would take the Child for theire adopted Child; wherunto they assented; and the said Judith therupon sent the Child unto them and desired her child might call them father and mother and yett owne her for his Naturall mother as longe as shee should live; wherto all sides Consented and the said Josias being asked by his owne Mother the day and yeare abouewritten if hee did Consent and Chuse to live with the said John and Ann as hitherto *by the Space of about nine yeares hee had done* Willingly answered yea; in the p^resence of Mr James Cudworth and henry Dunster† and Timothy hatherly and in witnesse of the p^rmises the p^rsons haue heer unto sett theire hands

The markes of John Allin
and Ann Allin
J A — A A

Subscribed in p^resence of
Timothy hatherly
henry Dunster.

The marke P
of Judith Peaks
The marke J L of
Josias Lichfeild.

Allen, Jr., called "Ensign," is the only known child of John and Ann Allen. He married and had a daughter, Jeane, b. May 28, 1669, who m. 1697, John Marshall of Boston. John, Jr., was "Captain" in 1668, and was in Scituate as late as 1698. His father's will (nuncupative) does not mention him, but he had been provided for, probably, by some *ante-mortem* arrangement. Authorities:—Dr. O. P. Allen, Palmer, Mass.; Deane's Scituate; Plymouth Colony Records; Pope's Pioneers of Mass.; Winsor's Duxbury; Will of Capt. Michael Peirce (affidavit endorsed); Conihasset Records. A further account of this Allen family will occur in the Appendix.

* Plymouth Colony Records, vol. ii, Deeds: part i : p. 208.

† President of Harvard College, 1640–1654, and removed soon after to Scituate.

WILL OF JOHN ALLEN OF SCITUATE.*

The last Will and Testament Nuncupative of John Allin of Scittuate deceased Included In the following Testimony, and ordered heer to bee recorded.

I Nicholas Baker of Scituate aged 53 yeares; do testify that I and Mr Hatherly [Timothy] being desired by John Allin of Scittuate, To come to him to healp him in makeing his will; were with him but two daies before hee died [in 1661]; and Mr Hatherly being gon forth; and not returneing soe soone as hee was expected; The Said John Allin told mee that hee had sent for us to write his will and that his Intent was to giue *Josias Leichfeild* a portion out of his estate; and that hee should haue that house and land where hee then liued.† when hee Come of age; and that his wife should haue the other house and land of his where Jonas Pickels‡ then liued and that for the Rest of his estate it should bee in his wifes power to giue to the said boy as shee did see him carry himself; Soe Said hee I would haue the boy beholding to my wife; and not my wife to the boy.

The oath of Mr Nicholas Baker taken in the Court held att Plymouth the 2^{cond} of June 1663§

Attested p^r me

Nathaniel Morton

Clarke of the said Court.

The following abstracts from the Plymouth Colony Records relate to the guardianship of Josiah² and the final settlement of the estate left him by John Allen :

At the Court of Assistants holden att Plymouth the fift Day of May, 1663, Before Thomas Prence, Gou^r [and others] In answare vnto a petition prefered to the court by Judith, the wife of Willam Peakes of Scittuate, in reference vnto her son Josias Leichfeld, the adopted son of John Allin, deceased, the Court haue ordered and doe heerby giue libertie vnto the said Josias Leichfeld to

* Plymouth Colony Records, vol. ii, Wills: part 2: p. 76.

† Deane says: "His house [*i. e.*, John Allen's] in Scituate stood twenty rods south of the bridge at the Harbour."

‡ Deane says: "Jonas Pickels was in Scituate, 1650. He had lands laid out north of George Moore's swamp. His house stood on the west side of the way, half a mile south of the present Town-house (1831)," now Sherman's Corner.

§ A side-note to this entry reads as follows: "of this see more in the book of orders and passages of the Court held att Plymouth in June 1663."

choose two guardians, and to present them vnto the next Generall Court.

At this Court [June 1, 1663] Josias Leichfeld made choise of Leiftenant Torrey and Cornett Studson to bee his guardians, whoe were allowed and approued soe to bee by the Court.

Wheras John Allin, of Scittuate and Anna, his wife, longe since tooke Josias Leichfeld as theire adopted child, with purpose to bringe him vp, and doe for him as theire child and soe faithfully p'rformed during the said Allin his life, and not long before his death was mindfull of him; yett being suddainely taken away, left not his mind soe full and p'ticulare concerning him as hee intended and might haue bine desired; yett soe much appeered to the Court vpon oath as in theire apprehensions carried the true intent and force of a will. The said Josias haueing chosen Leiftenant James Torrey and Cornet Robert Studson his guardians, it was att this Court [June, 1663] agreed between Anna, the relict of the said Allin, and the boyes abouenamed guardians, with the Courts approbation and likeing, that the said Josias should haue twenty pounds sterling payed into the hands of his said guardians about Michilmas [Sept. 29] next, by them to bee improued for him, and soon after that time to bee fried & to bee put forth to a trad, and conveniently fited out with suitable apparrell and nessessaries; and when hee shall come to the age of twenty-one yeares, to bee posessed of the farme and appurtenances giuen him by the said John Allin, deceased.

Nouember the 5th, 1663. Receiued by vs, Cornett Robert Stetson and James Torrey, of Scittuate, of Michaell Peirse, of Hingham, the full and just sume of twenty pounds, for the vse of Josias Leichfeld, of Scittuate aforsaid; which twenty pounds the said Micaell Peirse was appointed to pay vnto vs for the vse of Josias Leichfield aforesaid by the Court holden att N. Plymouth in New England in the month of June last past. In witnes wee haue heervnto sett our hands the day and yeare aboue written.

The marke X of CORNET ROBERT STETSON.
JAMES TORREY.

Mr. Micael Peirse came before this Court [Mch. 7, 1664-5] and desired that an order pased by the Court in reference vnto the desposing of the estate of John Allin, deceased, with speciall reference vnto the portion of Josias Leichfeld, might bee considered by the Court, and amended in respect that some detriment is likely to acrew

vnto him by the same order, it standing as it doth; in answare wherunto the Court returned, that forasmuch as diuers of the majestates were absent, whose help is very requisett for the right regulateing therof, it is refered vnto a more full Court for the doeing of it.

Wheras there was an agreement made between the Court and Leftenant James Torrey and Cornett Robert Studson, as gaurdians vnto Josias Leichfeild and Anna somtimes the wife of John Allin, bearing date June, 1663, and stands vpon record pticularly to bee seen, wee doe heerby declare and testify, that the said agreement wee did and doe clearly vnderstand was for a full and finall issue and settlement of what ptaigned vnto the said Leichfeild from Goodmans Allins estate.

[Signed]	THO : PRINCE, Gou ^r .	THO : SOUTHWORTH.
	JO ^N ALDEN.	THO : HINCKLEY.
	JOS : WINSLOW.	WILL ^M BRADFORD.

In reference vnto Josias Leichfeild, of Scittuate, the Court [Mch. 2, 1668-9] being certifyed that he wilbe of age on the third day of April* next ensuing the date heeroft, they haue requested the major† to repaire vnto Scittuate on the fift of the same month, and to see the said Leichfeild posessed of the land ordered to him by the Court, in reference to a legacye bequeathed to him by John Allin, of Scittuate aforsaid, deceased, and to see Micaell Peirse discharged of his engagement in reference thervnto.

DEED — MICHAEL AND ANNA PEIRCE TO JOSIAH
LITCHFIELD.‡

To all people to whom these presents shall Come Michaell Peirse and Anna his wife sendeth greeting &c: Know yea that wheras att the Court held att Plymouth in New England the first of June 1663 betwixt the Gaurdians of Josias Leichfeild and *Anna the relict of John Allen* deceased: and now the wife of Michaell Peirse, with the Courts approbation and likeing and wherunto Michaell Peirse alsoe Consented; amongst other things it was agreed that Josias Leichfeild should when hee come of the age of twenty & one yeares be posseſſed of the farme and the appurtenances giuen him by the said

* This makes his birthday to have been April 3 or 4, 1648. April 3, 1669 was a Saturday, April 4th was Sunday, and April 5th was Monday. He became of legal age, probably the day before the actual anniversary of his birth.

† Josiah Winslow.

‡ Plymouth Colony Records, vol. iii, Deeds: p. 142.

John Allen as more fully on record doth appeer; soe accordingly the fift day of Aprill 1669 Josias Leichfeld being attained to the full age of twenty and one yeares: was by Michaell Peirse and Anna his wife put into full possession of the abovsaid Farme and appurtenances therunto belonging and that in the p'rence of Major Josias Winslow an agent from the Court to see the p'formance therof, and alsoe in the p'rence of M'r Constant Southworth and Cornett Robert Studson And wee the said Michaell Peirse and Anna his wife the relict of the said John Allen haue together with the possession delivered also unto the said Josias all such writings and evidences of the said land that wee know and are Capable of; and doe by these p'sents together with the said land and writings giue unto the said Josias all our Right title Interest Claime proprietie Challenge or demand what soever wee any wayes haue or can any wayes make unto the said farme and appurtenances therunto belonging; and doe henceforth and for ever disclaime renounce and revoak all Challeng demand or Claime unto the premises or any p'te therof Alsoe the said Michaell Peirse and Anna his wife doth further Couenant and graunt to and with the said *Josias Allen* allies Leichfeld* his heires and assignes as that it shall and may be lawfull for them and either of them from time to time and att all times for euer heerafter peacably and quietly to enjoy haue hold use occupy and posess & enjoy the abousaid Farme with the appurtenances ment mentioned or Intended to be Conveyed without the lett suite trouble disturbance or euiction of the said Michaell Peirse Anna his wife theire heires or assignes or the heires or assignes of either of them; for true p'formance wherof the p'ties aboue named haue heerunto sett theire hands and seales; the day and yeare abouewritten; And it was agreed that a Certaine Tract or p'cell of Marsh or meddow formerly bought of William holmes† being by estimation about six acres and an half lying att the southwest end of the great necke; and is bounded towards the North with the lott that was somtimes Gowin Whites‡ and towards the south by the lott of William Peakes; is heerby owned to be a p'te of the farm that is heerby pased ouer vnto the aboue said Josias Leichfeld; and the abousaid Michaell Peirse and Anna his wife doe by these p'sents for themselves and their heires as fully and absolutely quitt theire Claimes to and passe ouer thene theire Right in the aboue said med-

* This is the only instance found where Josiah² has the surname of *Allen*.

† William Holmes was one of the Conihasset partners in 1646, and a householder before 1647. (Deane, p. 287.)

‡ Gowin White, Conihasset partner, 1646.

dow land as unto the rest of the lands that was bought of Edward Jenkens* by the said John Allen deceased

Signed Sealed & deliuered in the p'sence of Constant Southworth Mark Eames.†	MICHAELL PEIRSE The marke P of ANNA PEIRSE	 
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On April 6, 1669, Josias Winslow made oath to the conveyance of the said property to Josiah² Litchfield, and it was recorded, June 4, 1669.

DISCHARGE FROM JOSIAH LITCHFIELD TO MICHAEL AND ANNA PEIRCE.‡

Be it Known to all men by These Pr'sents That wheras there was an agreement by and with the approbation of the Court of New Plymouth between Leiftenant James Torrey and Cornett Robert Studson Gardian vnto Josias Leichfeild of Scittuate in the Gou'rement of New Plymouth aforsaid on the one p're: and Anna the wife of Michaell Peirse of Scittuate aforsaid: heertofore the wife and relict of John Allin late of the said Scittuate deceased on the other p're touching and Concerning the Right of mee the said Josias Leichfeild vnto a p're of the estate of the said John Allin Intended and willed by him vnto mee as to the said Court did appeer: viz: That the said Gaurdians should haue twenty pounds sterling payed into theire hands about Michaelmas in the yeare of our Lord 1663 by them for my vse and proffitt to be Improuyed and when I the said Josias Leichfeild should attaine the age of twenty and one yeares then to be possessed of the farme of land and appurtenances therunto belonging; giuen mee by the said John Allin; according as the Court Record bearing date in June 1663 more att large appeereth and was to be in full of all my Right unto any p're of the estate of the said John Allin as by the said Courts declaration of the ninth of June 1665 more att large appeereth; unto which the said Michaell Peirse gaue Consent, Now Know Yea That I the said Josias Leichfeild; being attained vnto the age of twenty and one yeares full and Complete haue the day of the date of these p'sents received of the abouemencioned

* Edward Jenkins, Conihasset partner, 1646, freeman 1647. (Deane, p. 294.) The deed of property of Edward Jenkins to John Allen is dated Feb. 27, 1659.

† Mark Eames was of Hingham, 1645. (Hist. of Hingham.)

‡ Plymouth Colony Records, vol. iii, Deeds: p. 153.

Michaell Peirse into my full and peacable posession and seizen the aboue mensioned farme of lands and appurtenances therunto belonging; of the which said farme of lands received by me as abousaid and of the forementiond sume of twenty pounds sterling received by my gaurdian or Gaurdians abouenamed in full of all my right title and Interest in onto any p^rte or p^rtes of the estate left by the said John Allin deceased in any place or places whatsover; doe acquitt exonnarte and discharge the said Michaell Peirse his heires executors and Adminnestrators for euer by these p^rsents; and further know yea that I the said Josias Leichfeld haue released and quit claimed and by these p^rsents doe remise and for euer quitt Claime for mee my heires executors and adminnestrators vnto the said Michaell Peirse and Anna his wife and either of them and theire and either of theire heires executors Adminnestrators and assignes of and from all other further legacys bequests gifts graunts rights titles of lands farme or farmes of Mony and Demaunds whatsoeuer giuen or by any mannor of wages or means belonging unto mee the said Josias Leichfeld in or by any will acte or deed whatsoeuer of the said John Allin or Anna his Late wife and relict; Now the wife of the said Michaell Peirse and of and from all mannor of actions and suites sume and sumes of mony title and titles of land debts dutyes trespasses and demaunds whatsoeuer which I the said Josias Leichfeld euer had now haue or That I may heires executors or any other p^rson or p^rsons for mee or any of them or in the name Right or steed of mee or any of them; Can or may, att any time or times heerafter haue Challenge or demaund against the said Michaell Peirse and Anna his wife or either of them theire or either of theire heires Executors Adminnestrators or assignes for or by reason of any matter Cause or thinge whatsoeuer respecting the p^rmises or any p^rte or p^rtes therof from the begining of the world untill the day of the date heeroft In witnes wherof I the said Josias Leichfeld haue heerunto sett my hand and seal this sixth day of Aprill 1669.

Signed Sealed and deliuered

in p^rsence of

Constant Southworth

Mark Eames.

JOSIAS LEICHFEILD



This discharge or acquittance was Giuen by Josias Leichfeld vnto Michaell Peirse and Anna his wife upon theire haueing giuen him seizen and posession of the within mensioned lands; before Josias Winslow Assistant being ordered by the Court to see it p^rformed.

There are other references to Josiah² Litchfield in the Plymouth Colony Records, which are contained in the following abstracts:

The jury being impanelled and sworne to inquire of the death of George More* this 26th of March, 1677, giue in this following for their verdict:—Wee, whoe according to our oath had the viewing of the body of Gorge More, of Scittuate, cannot find either by prsons or things what was the cause of his death, but according to our best vnderstanding, wee apprehend that it was some suddaine fainting fitt, or some stoping of his breath, was the whole and sole cause of his death

[Signed]	RODULPHUS ELMES	LUKE SQUIRE
	WILLAM PEAKES	THOMAS HATCH
	WILLIAM HATCH	THOMAS CLARKE
	JOSEPH WHITE	WILLAM HATCH, Junr,
	NATHANIEL TURNER	THOMAS MAN
	JOSIAH LEICHFEILD	JOSEPH HOUSE.

Samuell Hiland of Scittuate complaineth against Thomas Nicolls, in an action of treaspas on the case, to the damage of twenty pounds, in cutting and carrying away both barke and coard wood, since March last, off and from the land of said Hiland, lying and being within the bounds of Conohassett, bounded to the steping stones and to the land of Micaell Peirse, and also to the land of John Booth and *Josias Leichfeild*. This was withdrawn. [Oct. 29, 1671.]

John Holbrooke, of Weymouth, and Peter Bacon, of Hingam, and John Williams, of Scittuate, Rodulphus Elmes, Israel Cudworth, & Joseph White, John Briggs, and Nathaniel Tilden, all of Scittuate, complaineth as pte propriators of the vndeuided land of Conahassett within the towneshipp of Scittuate, which said vndeuided land appears by a deed bearing date 1646, complaineth against Benjamin Peirse, and Steuen Vinall, John Tilden, Edward Jenkens, Thomas Jenkens, Jonathan Jackson, *Josiah Leichfeild*, John Peirse, John Booth, Senr, Willam James, Nathaniel Man, Gershom Ewell, Jonathan Cudworth, Mary Dodson, Thomas Hieland, Senr, Israell Chettenden, John Allin, all of Scittuate, reputed pte propriators of the aforsaid vndeuided land of Conahassett, in an action of the case, to the damage of three hundred pounds, for that the aforsaid pte propriators refus-

* Deane's History of Scituate, p. 312.

eth, neglecteth, and not complyeth, to devide the afsaid vndeuided land, with the afsaid p^tre propriators, with the afsaid playnnts, to devide the afsaid vndeuided lands that soe euery man may injoy his owne proper right in p^ticulare; all the afsaid defendants haue bine seuerall times, att seuerall meetings, desired and pressed them soe to doe, not onely by the plaintifffes, but alsoe by the honored Court; yett all proueth fruitles and in vaine to the obtaining of soe reasonable and just desire, wherby the plaintiffs come to be much damnifyed.

Then follow the names of the jury. This action was withdrawn. Its date was Mch. 6, 1682-3.

Josiah² Litchfield was administrator of his brother Experience's estate, the account of which has already been given. Josiah² is named in the list of 132 "alowed and approuued inhabitants," of Scituate, to whom portions of the common lands were assigned, by the joint committee of the Court and the town, Feb. 26, 1673.*

In the first book on Highways and Assignments of Land, at Town Clerk's office, Scituate, are found the following references to Josiah's grants and receipts of land in Scituate :

Feb. 26, 1673, in common with 131 others who received various sized grants,— 3 "ackers."

1673: "To Mihiell Pearce John Sutton and Josias Lechfeeld 5 ackers apeace in a swampe neare the beaches."

Dec. 2, 1697: "Granted to Josiah Leechfield 8 acres of swamp land."

Dec. 17, 1697: "Layd out to Josiah Leechfield 5 Acres of swamp land granted to him by the former Committee and lieth in a swamp in the beaches near the Colinie Line begining at a small hemlock tree by a rocke side and runeth near west 20 Rods to a blacke birch tree in the swamp then runeth 40 Rods neare south to a marked ash tree then runs near east to another ash tree then runeth neare north to the upland and so with the upland 40 Rods to the first named hemlocke by the Rocke

"By us

JEREMIAH HATCH

"SAMUEL CLAP Surveyors."

* Deane, pp. 155-6, and Scituate Records.

July 10, 1699: "At a meeting of the Town Agents or present Committee in Sittuate Granted to the lawfull Successor of Lawrence Leechfield a 60 Acre lot of Upland, and a ten acre lot of Upland, and 5 Acres of Swamp land if it appear that he was a 1647 Inhabitant"

March 9, 1702-3: At a town meeting, this day, according to an act of 1683, granted "To ye heirs or successors of Larance Lichfield 27 [acres of] land," and "To ye heirs or successors of Larance Lichfield 7 [acres of] land."

In the first book of Town Meeting Records of Scituate, the following grants of land are recorded:

Feb. 11, 1706-7: There was a distribution of cedar swamp "to Each of ye s^d propriators inhabitants and such sucssors as afores^d whoe are hereafter named and Expressed an Eaqual part or share thereof (that is to say)

To Josiah Lichfield	1.	[Josiah. ²]
To Nickolas Lichfield	1.	[Son of Josiah. ² .]
To Josiah Lichfield jun ^r	1."	[Son of Josiah. ² .]

Feb. 11, 1706-7: At a Town meeting, this day, it was voted to lay out 200 ten acre lots of land of the "Stated Common," at £3 per lot. The proceeds of the sale to go, one half to "ye Church and Society at ye northerly End of ye s^d Town," and the other half to "ye Church and Society up ye north River." Josiah² Litchfield, Josiah³ Litchfield, Jr., and Nicholas³ Litchfield each expressed his desire to purchase 10 acres.

March 19, 1706-7: At a town meeting it was reported that a sufficient number of names had been secured for the above-mentioned lots, and payment or sufficient security had been given for the same. It was therefore voted to sell these lots, and James Cushing was appointed "to prepare ye number of ye lotts and to bring them" to a meeting to be held the first Tuesday of April, 1707, at ten A. M. At this drawing of lots, in April, Josiah² Litchfield drew lot No. 133; Nicholas,³ lot No. 154, and Josiah,³ Jr., lot No. 40.

March 23, 1723-4: Among those named as eligible to a division of land,—one share each in the Common,—were:

Successor of Josiah Litchfield Sen. decd.

Successor of John Allin, Deceased.

Nich^o. Litchfield and Samuel Litchfield [sons of Josiah²].

In vol. v of the Scituate Town Records, there are entered the descriptions of ear-marks which were ordered to be placed on animals allowed to run at large on the Common; the following relate to horses owned by Josiah,² Josiah³ and Nicholas³ Litchfield:

May 23, 1692: The ear mark of Josiah Lechfeld is a triangle pease cut out of Right Eare . . . on the top of Eare.

1694: Josiah Lechfeld, one horse of a Dark bay culler a black tayle and mane a swallow tayle cut out of the Right eare.

1695: Josiah Lechfeld on brown horse a black mane and tayle with a hollow Crop on the Right eare. And on mare of a brown Culler with a hollow Crop on her Right eare.

1700: Josiah Leechfield one gray horse a hollow crop out of the right eare.

Josiah Leechfield Jr. one bay mare.

Nicholas Leechfield in the Right of John Vinall one mare of a bay color, a hollow crop in the Right eare.

Nicholas Leechfield in the right of Jacob Vinall one horse an Iron grey a hollow crop out of the right eare.

Nicholas Leechfield in the right of Nathan Sutton one horse with a hollow crop out of the right eare a mouses Color.

1701: Josiah Leechfield Sr. one blackish gray horse with a hollow crop on the top of the right eare.

Josiah Leechfield one brownish mare with a white slip down her fore head, her hinder Right foot white, her mane black & cut & the hair of her tayl som of it cut & her tayle, black.

Besides the above, on following pages of the records, are found the names of those who owned animals which were allowed to run on the Common, but no ear-marks are given for the following horses owned by Samuel³ and Nicholas³ Litchfield:

1719: Samuel Litchfield owned one iron gray mare.

1720: Nicholas Litchfield owned one red mare with a white face.

Samuel Litchfield owned one iron gray mare with a black tail and mane.

1722: Nicholas Litchfield one black mare colt with a star in her forehead.

Samuel Litchfield one gray horse with a star in his fore head & two white feet.

1723: Nicholas Litchfield owned blackish mare with some white in her face.

Samuel Litchfield, same as in 1722.

1725: Samuel Litchfield owned chestnut mare with a white star in her forehead and two white feet.

1726: Samuel Litchfield owned one red mare with two white feet, probably the same animal as in 1725.

These abstracts from early Scituate records serve to show that the characteristic love of horseflesh by the later generations of Litchfields was inherited from the American progenitors of the family.

On Nov. 27, 1682, Josiah "Lechfeild" and twenty others agreed to a proposition which was made at a town-meeting, held that day, for the settling of the "Long Contreversy betwen the towne and the propriators of Cohasset," regarding the boundaries. In this agreement he is named with the others as "naight-bors of Conihassett."

At the town meeting, March 12, 1693-4, Jonathan Turner and Josiah "Lechfeild" were chosen constables; on March 25, 1696, Josiah "Lechfeild," Richard Dwelly and Thomas Nichols were chosen fenceviewers. At the town meeting, Feb. 23, 1696-7, Joseph Randall, Josiah "Leechfield," Thomas Oldham, Jr., and Joseph House were chosen to serve on the grand jury for the ensuing year; on Sept. 3, 1700, Josiah "Leechfield," Thomas Pinson, Israell Cowing and Sergt. John Bryant were chosen to "serve on the petie Jury."

Josiah² Litchfield was an active partner in the company which owned and had charge of the lands of Conihasset. His title to this partnership had come from his father, Lawrence,¹ and also from John Allen.* In 1695, he was elected a surveyor of land, and many divisions were made by or through him, in that and following years. The following abstracts show how much of a land-holder and developer he was.

* The following explanation occurs in the Records, under date of June 23, 1701: "By neare Relations is ment, father, son, brothers, uncles, naphews, or first cuzens."

March 29, 1695 — Laid out to Josiah "Leichfield," a little more than 10 A. of land, one bound of which was his own orchard which lay to the north. April 25, 1695 — Land on "Farm Neck," laid out to him. July 22, 1695 — Laid out $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres, near land of Curtis and Cowing. July 28, 1695 — 10 acres. Sept. 9, 1695 — $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Feb. 23, 1696 — One acre, 36 rods, near Israel Cowing's. March 15, 1699 — $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres in five different places. May 22, 1699 — $4\frac{1}{2}$ A. $26\frac{1}{2}$ R., also $\frac{1}{6}$ R.

The following has no date: These pr'sents testifieth That whear as Josiah Lichfeeld upon the right of John alline Claines Land to take up & have & does by these pr'sents Alien from him & his heirs unto Samuel Holbrooke & his heires & assigns Ten Ackers of upland in exchange for 10 Ackers which the said Lichfeld has Conveyed to him by exchange . . . giving the said Holbrooke the like Liberty the said Lichfeeld had to make Choyse wheare to take it.

The following has no date: These pr'sents witnesseth that wheras Thomas Hiland sen^r did take a Lott of Ten Ackers of upland lyinge between John Hollets twenty Ackers in the first deuission & Peakes his house lots Josiah Lichfeelds orchard & the fresh marsh which ten Ackers was sould by Tho Hiland sen^r unto John Holbrooke & by John Holbrook sould unto Samuel Holbrooke & the said Samuel Holbrooke has & due by these pr'sents Aliannate it from him & his heirs unto Josiah Lichfeeld he his heirs & assigns foreuer in exchange for other Land aliannated from the said Lichfeeld unto the said Samuel Holbrooke

In 1695, land laid out to Experience "Damon" in right of John "Daman," deceased, was bounded partly by land of Josiah Litchfield. June 13, 1699 — Land laid out to Gershom Ewell was bounded by that of Josiah "Leichfield." Sept. 27, 1701 — Taken up and laid out for Josiah Litchfield, $84\frac{1}{2}$ rods of land, in right of John Hoar; Joseph Stockbridge and Zachary Damon were abutters. May 2, 1695 — Josiah "Liechfield" is a witness to a transfer of land from Thomas Man to Israel Cowing. Feb. 16, 1703-4 — Josiah "Leichfield" and Jonathan Dodson exchanged land; J. L. sold to J. D., 1 A. 36 R., abutting on Israel Cowing; J. D. sold to J. L., a piece of meadow land near "Stepping-stones," and abutting on Samuel Holbrook's marsh. Jan. 20, 1696 — In an exchange of land between Nathaniel Tilden and John Merritt, Josiah Litchfield was an abutter on Tilden. March 28, 1694 — 35 acres of land laid out to Samuel

Holbrook; "Stepping-stones," and the land of John Booth and of Josiah Litchfield mentioned as abutting. This land had formerly belonged to Josiah Litchfield and was laid out by him. April 5 & 11, 1695 — Land laid out to Israel Cowing was near that owned by Josiah Litchfield. On June 6, 1699, land laid out to Cowing had Josiah Litchfield as an abutter. June 8 & July 14, 1699 — Land laid out to William Peakes, Jr., was near Josiah Litchfield's; the latter division in the "beaches." June 24, 1702 — Thomas Curtis sold to Josiah Litchfield, for £1 14s. 6d., 1 A. 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ R. of land which had been laid out to Curtis, in 1699, and which bordered on Josiah's land. July 14, 1699 — Laid out to Israel Peakes, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ A. of land near Josiah Litchfield's.

Some of these transfers of land and use of Josiah Litchfield's name may refer to Josiah's son, Josiah,³ as the latter became a land-owner quite young and is named in the Conihasset Records.

In Plymouth Colony Deeds, vol. iv, in a deed from Thomas Hiland, Sr., to John Holbrook, Dec. 20, 1676, the "meddow of Josiah Leichfeild and John Booth" lay on the north-east boundary of the tract conveyed, which was "incompased" with land of Josiah² Litchfield, William Peakes and others.

It seems to be very clearly shown by boundaries and family tradition that Josiah² Litchfield's house was at or near the site of the home of the late Edwin Young, in Egypt.*

Josiah² Litchfield married Sarah Baker. The Scituate town record of this marriage is: "Josiah Lechfeld was married to Sarah Backer th 22 of Febuary 1671." Sarah Baker was the daughter of Rev. Nicholas Baker† of Scituate.

* Egypt is that part of Scituate which lies between North Scituate, Scituate Centre and Scituate Harbor. It is said that the name was humorously applied to that section, as the "land of corn and plenty," when other parts were not so blessed with abundance.

† Rev. Nicholas Baker was born in England, 1611; graduated at St. John's College, Cambridge, received his A. B. in 1631-2; A. M., in 1635; in 1635, with brother Nathaniel, came to America. He spent a short time in Roxbury, but later in the year settled with his brother at Hingham, where he received a share in the first division of house-lots in Sept., and was freeman in 1636.

These brothers lived near what is known as Baker's Hill, in Hingham, on Town (North, near Beal) street, and had five acres apiece. Later, Nicholas became a large land-owner in Hull. He was representative to the General Court, from Hingham, in 1636 and 1638, being the first deputy from that town. About 1644-5, he removed to Hull, where he lived until he received a call to the First Church in Scituate, where he became pastor in 1660. His predecessors were:

Deane's Scituate, p. 183: "Sarah Baker married Josiah Litchfield of Scituate, in 1671, and her posterity is almost countless." It is to be borne in mind that all descendants of Lawrence¹ Litchfield, bearing the name of Litchfield, are Sarah's posterity. Her birth or baptism have not come to light, but probably occurred at Hull. She died at Scituate, between 1715 and 1721.

On March 10, 1713-14, by deed (Plymouth Colony Deeds, vol. xi, p. 94), Sarah Litchfield, widow, relict of Josiah² Litchfield, sold to Stephen Vinal, her brother-in-law, for £3, 10s., one quarter interest in seven acres of "planting" land, which land had been granted to her father by the town of Scituate, and by him given to his four daughters. The witnesses were Josiah³ and Nicholas³ Litchfield. She signed by her mark, "S."

On Aug. 20, 1715, by deed (Plymouth Colony Deeds, vol. xv, p. 172), Sarah "Lechfield" of Scituate, "daughter of ye Rev^d Mr Nicholas Baker of Scituate," sold to her "well-beloved Son, Samuel Lechfield, cordwainer, in consideration of the Motherly Love & indeareaffections," all her interest (one quarter) in fifty acres of land, granted her father by the town of Scituate, April 5, 1672, and which he had devised to his four daughters. Witnesses: Stephen Vinall and Nicholas³ "Lechfield"; the latter did not acknowledge his signature until June 21, 1721, after grantor's death.

Josiah² Litchfield died before Jan. 29, 1707-8. The settlement and division of his estate are given below.

Giles Saxton (before 1634); John Lothrop, 1634-1639; Charles Chauncy, 1641-1654; Henry Dunster (late President, Harvard College), 1654-1659.

At Scituate, his pastorate is most notable for the reconciliation which he effected between the First (north) and Second (south) parishes, in 1675. He was pastor until his death, Aug. 22, 1678. Cotton Mather says of him: "Honest Nicholas Baker of Scituate was so good a logician that he could offer up to God a reasonable service, so good an arithmetician that he could wisely number his days, and so good an orator that he persuaded himself to be a Christian."

He was married twice. His first wife died in 1661, and he married in 1662, Grace —, who survived him. In his will (1678), he bequeathes parcels of land and half of dwelling-house at Hull, to his wife, Grace; to son Samuel (m. Fear Robinson), land and other half of dwelling-house; to son Nicholas (m. Experience Collier), land at Scituate; to dau. Elizabeth (m. John Vinal, Scituate), dau. Sarah (m. Josiah² Litchfield), dau. Deborah (m. Israel Chittenden, Scituate), and dau. Mary (m. Stephen Vinal, Scituate), each ten pounds. He had also sons, John and Thomas, and perhaps Nathaniel. Authorities: Hist. Hingham, Deane's Scituate, Otis's Barnstable Families, Baker Gen.

INVENTORY OF JOSIAH LITCHFIELD.*

A true Inventory of all & singular land goods chattels & credits of Josiah Lichfield late of Scituate deceased apprized at Scituate aforesaid taken this 29 day of January 1707 by us the subscribers as followeth:

	<i>L s. d.</i>
Imprimis: His purse apparrill £3: 13s. Item in books £1 in plate 13/11d.	05:06:11
Item one silkgrass bed in the bedroom bed stead 2 coverlets one blanket a pair of sheets & 3 pillows belonging to sd bed	02:10:00
Item a feather bed in sd bedroom & bedstead with a rug a pair of sheets one blanket one pillow & pillow coat belonging to it	03:10:00
Item one silk grass bed & what belongs to it	01:15:00
Item in sheet towels table linen & other linen	03:00:00
Item in brass household stuff £3 in iron ware & utensells of household stuff 19/	03:19:06
Item in earthen ware glass bottles hour glass pewter & spoons	00:19:00
Item in spinning wheels card tubs old barrells meat tubs & wooden ware	02:09:00
Item in armes & ammunition £1 chairs bread sive saddle pillion & pillion cloth 24/	02:04:00
Item a beetle ring wedges barn door hooks & hinges & other iron tools & old iron & plains joyners & other carpentry tools	03:10:00
Item in yearn cotton & sheeps woll & flax & two hives of bees	02:12:00
Item in provision beans peas & other grain	12:08:08
Item in chaines horse traices ox yoaks & irons & other husbandry tools	01:19:00
Item in hay £6: in neat cattle £6: 2s. a maire & colt £2	14:02:00
Item in sheep 24s In swine 14/ in chests boxes & old lumber 7/	02:05:00
Item two hundred of railes at ye swamp side	00:16:00
Item in debts due to the estate	01:05:06
Item the farm whereon the sd Lichfield dwelt containing about fifty acres of upland & 14 acres & half of marsh with ye housing upon it	270:00:00
Item 24 acres of upland laid out in severall divisions & three acres & half yet to be laid out in Conahassett in said Scituate	50:00:00
Item a hundred & twelve acres of land granted & laid out to him sd Lichfield in severall allotments in ye comon lands within sd town of Scituate	56:00:00
Item a share in the cedar swamp	01:00:00
The sum total is	441:01:07

NATHANIEL TILDEN
JOHN CUSHING

* Plymouth Probate, vol. ii: p. 93.

Memorandum on the 13th day of February 1707 before Nathl. Thomas Esq. Judge of the Probate of wills &c. Sarah Lichfield administratrix to the estate of Josiah Lichfield late of Scituate deceased made oath that the above written is a true inventory of the estate of the sd. deceased so far as she knoweth and when she knoweth of more that she will cause it to be added.

NATHL THOMAS Register.

Nathaniel Thomas Esq. duly appointed & comissionated to be Judge of the Probate of wills & for granting letters of administration on the estates of persons deceased having goods chattels rights or credits in the County of Plimouth within her Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.

To Sarah Lichfield relict widow of Josiah Lichfield late of Scituate in the said County deceased. Greeting

Whereas the s^d. Josiah Lichfield having whilst he lived & at the time of his death goods chattels rights or creditts in the County afores^d. latly dyed intestate whereby the power of committing administration & full disposition of all and singular the goods chattels rights & creditts of the s^d deceased & also the hearing examining & allowing the accompts of such administration doth appertain unto me. Trusting therefore in your care & fidelity I do by these presents committ unto you full power to administer all & singular the goods chattels rights & creditts of your s^d. deceased Husband & well & faithfully to dispose of the same according to law & also to ask gather levey recover & receive all & whatsoever creditts of the s^d deceased which to him whilst he lived & at the time of his death did appertaine & to pay all debts in which the s^d deceased stood bound so far as his goods chattels rights & creditts can extend according to the value thereof & to make a true & perfect inventory of all & singular the goods chattels rights & creditts of the said deceased & to exhibit the same into the Registry of the Court of Probates for the County aforesaid at or before the fift day of March next & to render a plain & true accompt of your s^d Administration upon oath at or before the 18th day of June next ensuing. And I do hereby ordain constitute & appoint you administratrix of all & singular the goods chattels rights & credits afores^d.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & the seal of the s^d Court of Probate dated February the 13th day 1707.

NATHANIEL THOMAS.

SEAL

An account of what was paid out of the estate of Josiah Litchfield deceased by the widow being administratrix and by order:

	£ s. d.
Item, To funeral charges,	01 : 06 : 06
Item, To the Judge of Probate	00 : 15 : 00
Item to Capt Cushing & Mr Tilden for taking Inventory	00 : 12 : 00
Item, to Stephen Vinal sen for writing	00 : 12 : 08
Item to Jeremiah Hatch	00 : 03 : 08
Item, to Mr Clap	00 : 06 : 08
Item. to Sargt Studley 2/ 6 Item to Elizabeth Booth 1/ 6	00 : 04 : 00
Item to Mary Hatch	01 : 03 : 01
Item to Constable Booth £2 10s 8d to Joseph Bryant 15/ 9d	03 : 06 : 05
Item for seven days mowing	01 : 10 : 00
Item. to Thomas Man	00 : 18 : 00
Item. to the Town Clerk 9d to Stephen Vinal for writing 1/ 6	00 : 02 : 03
Item. to Nicholas Litchfield for shoes	05 : 00 : 02
Item. To Nicholas Litchfield for getting six acres of Con- ihasset land laid out & brought to record.	01 : 00 : 00
Item. To Stephen Chittenden for weaving the sum of	02 : 00 : 00
Item. To the three men that appraised the lands	01 : 17 : 00
Item. To Josiah Litchfield for 3 pounds he paid the town	03 : 00 : 00
Item To Josiah Litchfield for getting 10 acres laid out and recorded	00 : 12 : 00
Item. To a copy of the Inventory & fetching it	00 : 01 : 06
Item To necessary Charges	01 : 00 : 00
To the Probate office & other necessary charges	02 : 10 : 00
	<hr/> 28 : 00 : 09

As witness my hand.

Her
SARAH X LITCHFIELD
mark

This account is allowed by me,

NATHANIEL THOMAS, Judge of
Probate.

On Feb. 26, 1713-14, an apprimentment of the lands of Josiah² Litchfield was made by Joseph Otis, Capt. Israel Chittenden and John Booth, as follows :

	£ s.
Homestead, dwelling house, barn, fences, orchard, 50¾ acres upland and swamp, 6½ acres salt meadow,	413 : 00
6½ acres salt meadow at "Farm Neck" called "Butake meadow,"	052 : 00
Pieces of meadow containing about 2 acres purchased of John Holbrook,	016 : 00
Parcel of land in the "Beechwoods" called "Committee Land" containing 109 acres	390 : 00
18½ acres of land lying "by the land of Thomas Soper in Conihasset,"	072 : 00

One share of cedar swamp,	003 : 10
About $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of meadow at the "Town harbor,"	000 : 15
One acre, 37 rods of upland lying by Ebenezer Mott's,	004 : 00
One acre, 8 rods of upland between land of Cowing and Curtis,	007 : 00
One acre, 72 rods of land "incompassed with Israel Cowings land,"	009 : 10
One ten acre lot of land lying in "beechwoods," called "the Meeting House land,"	015 : 00
Six acres, 6 rods of land "taken up in Conihasset by Nicholas Litchfield in the right of his father, since his decease,"	018 : 00
$\frac{3}{4}$ of a share of land (undivided) at Conihasset,	001 : 00
33 rods of land "on which Nicholas Litchfield's shop standeth,"	001 : 05
Total apprizedment	803 : 00

March 11th 1713-14

Plymouth ss. The distribution & settlement of the Estate both real and personal of Josiah Litchfield late of Scituate in the County of Plymouth deceased, to and amongst his widow & children as followeth.

The personal Estate by the Inventory amounts to the sum	L s. d.
sum	70 : 11 : 07
The debts due from the Estate and other charges by the Admrx. account amounts to the sum of	28 : 00 : 00
The remaining sum of the personal estate is	42 : 11 : 07
The widow Sarah Litchfield's Third thereof is	14 : 03 : 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
The remaining sum to divide amongst the children is	28 : 07 : 09
The several parcels of land as apprised by persons sworn for that purpose amounts to the sum of	803 : 00 : 00
There remains to divide to six children whereof	
The eldest son to have double p[ortion] seven share [illegible] whereof each single share [illegible] is	118 : 15 : 04
And whereas Josiah Litchfield the eldest son hath by deed bearing date the twenty second day of March 1711/12 purchased of Ichabod Damon and Sarah his wife, one of the sisters of the s ^d . Josiah Litchfield all her share or portion both real & personal of her s ^d . father's Estate, And also of his sister Judith* Litchfield all her share part or portion in her s ^d . fathers Estate both Real & Personal by deed† bear-	

* This was a familiar name or nickname for Judith³ Litchfield.

† Plymouth Deeds, vol. x : part i : p. 634.

ing date as is aforesaid. And also the s^d. Josiah Litchfield & Nicholas Litchfield another son of the s^d. deceased have purchased by deed* bearing date the 20th. day of March 1707/8 of Israel Cowing and Hannah his wife another daughter of the s^d. deceased all her share part or portion in her s^d. fathers Estate both Real and Personal so that the s^d. Josiah now hath in his fathers Estate four shares & an half viz: two shares of his own & two shares & an half by purchase of his sisters, And the s^d. Nicholas Litchfield one share of his own & one half share by purchase of his sister as aforesaid, And Samuel Litchfield the youngest son one share, So that Josiah the eldest son hath in value of the Estate of his father in his own right and by purchase 534: 09: 00
 And the s^d. Nicholas hath in value of the s^d. Estate . 178: 03: 00
 And the s^d. Samuel hath in value of the s^d. Estate . 118: 15: 04
 All the daughters having sold their shares or portions in the s^d. Estate as aforesaid.

And for the distribution of the several parcels of land and movables of the s^d. dec^d. it is hereby ordered as followeth viz :

The eldest son Josiah Litchfield for his four shares and one half shall have the homestead dwelling house, barn, orchard and fifty acres and three quarters of upland & swamp, with six acres and a half of Salt meadow prised at 413^l and one third part of a parcel of land in the beach wood called Committee Land, containing one hundred & nine acres prised at 68-6-8, together with one third part of a ten acre lot in the Beach woods called the meeting house land, And also one acre & seventy two rod of land encompassed with Israel Cowing's land prised at 9-10-. And also one third part of six acres & a half of salt meadow at Farm Neck† called Buttreck meadow prised at 17-6-8, To have and to hold all the s^d. parcels of Land and meadow to him the s^d. Josiah Litchfield his heirs & assigns for ever, Always excepting & reserving to the widow his mother, Sarah

* Plymouth Deeds, vol. x: part 2: p. 25.

† Or Great Neck, north of the Harbor to the Glades (Deane).

Litchfield her thirds or dower in all the s^d. houses and parcels of land during the term of her life: And also the s^d. Josiah shall have paid him by his brother Nicholas the sum of thirty five shillings & four pence and by his mother the administratrix the sum of £24-10s-4d out of the personal estate, which in the whole make up the sum of

534: 09: 00

And the s^d. Nicholas Litchfield, the second son shall have for his share & a half, two thirds of the s^d. parcel of land in the Beach woods called Committee Land, containing one hundred & nine acres, and two third parts of a ten acre lot of land lying in the beach woods called the Meeting House Land, the two thirds of both s^d. parcels of land prized at £136-13s-4d, and six acres and six rods of land taken up in Conihasset by the s^d. Nicholas in the right of his father since his decease prized at £18 and three quarters of a share of undivided land at Conihasset prised at twenty shillings, And a parcel of land containing thirty three rod and is that piece on which s^d. Nicholas' shop standeth prized at five & twenty shillings. And also a parcel of meadow containing about two acres purchased of John Holbrook prised at 16lb. And also one acre and eight rod of upland lying between Cowings & Curtis's Land prised at 70-0-0. To have and to hold all the s^d. Parcels of lands and meadows to him the s^d. Nicholas Litchfield his heirs and assigns forever. All which parcels of land amount to the sum of £179-18s-4d which is the sum of 1lb-15s-4d more than the s^d. Nicholas his proportion for his share & a half, which sum of 1-15-4 Nicholas shall pay to his brother Josiah as is aforesaid. Always excepting & reserving to the widow his mother Sarah Litchfield her thirds or dower in all the s^d. parcels of land during the term of her life.

And the s^d. Samuel Litchfield the youngest son for his share or portion, shall have a parcel of land containing eighteen acres & a half lying by the land of Thomas Soper* in Conihasset, prized at 72lb. and a

* Deane's Hist. of Scituate, p. 338.

share of Cedar Swamp prised at three pound ten shillings. And about half an acre of meadow at the Town Harbor prised at 15-3/, and one acre & thirty seven rod of upland lying by Ebenezer Motts prised at 4^{lb}. And also two thirds of six acres & a half of Salt meadow prised at £34-13s-4d. To have and to hold to him the s^d. Samuel Litchfield all the s^d. parcels of land and meadow and to his heirs and assigns forever. Always excepting and reserving to Sarah his mother the widow her thirds or dower in all the s^d. parcels of land during the term of her life. And he shall also receive the sum of 3^{lb}-17/ out of the personal estate to be paid him by the Administratrix which in the whole amounts to the sum of . 118: 15: 04

March the 26th. Done and ordered *per me*

NATHANIEL THOMAS, Judge of
Probate.

Four of the children of Josiah² Litchfield were baptized by Rev. William Wetherell, pastor of the Second Church in Scituate, and it would seem from this that he and his family attended this church. The baptisms are as follows:*

Josiah the Sonn of Josiah Lichfield August the [worn] [1679].
Hanna, Sarah, the daughters of Josia Lichfield Sep^t: 5th [1680].
Nicolas the Sonn of Josia Leichfild october 16th [1681].

Children of Josiah² and Sarah (Baker) Litchfield, all born in Scituate :

6. i. HANNAH,³ b. Dec. 24, 1672; m. Israel Cowing.
7. ii. SARAH, b. Sept. 25, 1674; m. Ichabod Damon.
8. iii. JOSIAH, b. Jan. 10, 1677; m. Mary Briggs.
9. iv. NICHOLAS, b. Feb. 7, 1680; m. Bathsheba Clarke.
- v. EXPERIENCE, b. May 25, 1683: "Expearance Leechfeild the Son of Josiah Leechfeild was borne th 25 May 1683." (Scit. Rec.) Not mentioned in division of father's estate; probably died young.

* From Rev. William Wetherell's church record, 1645-1684, still preserved in fair condition at the bank in Norwell, Mass. The baptisms are continued in the same book by Rev. Thomas Mighill, second pastor, 1684-1689. (Deane's Scituate, p. 190.) The wife of Rev. Mr. Wetherell was Mary Fisher. (Genealogical Advertiser, vol. i, no. 1.)

10. vi. JUDITH,* b. Apr. 25, 1687; m. Joseph Briggs.
 11. vii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 4, 1690; m. Abigail Buck and Fear
 Turner.

THIRD GENERATION.

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HANNAH³ LITCHFIELD (*Josiah,² Lawrence¹*) was born in Scituate, Dec. 24, 1672: "Hanah Lechfeld, y^e Daughter of Josiah Lechfeld was Borne y^e 24 Decembr 1672." (Scit. Rec.) Baptized Sept. 5, 1680. Married (date unknown) Israel² Cowing (Cowen), born in Scituate, Dec. 10, 1664, son of John† and widow Rebecca (Man) Cowing.

Israel² Cowing resided near his brother-in-law, Nicholas³ Litchfield, in Scituate. "Mr. Israell Cowing departed this life, Jan. y^e 15th 1717." (Scit. Rec.)

From Plymouth Probate Records it is learned that administration on his estate was granted to his widow, Hannah, Apr. 22, 1718. The inventory, taken Apr. 15, 1718, listed the following property: Mansion house, barn, about 87 acres land, £870; about 15½ acres meadow, £180; four acres cedar swamp, £40. Items of administration: Debt due Nicholas³ Litchfield, 12 sh.; Israel³ Cowen called oldest son; homestead of Israel² Cowen bordered partly on Nicholas³ Litchfield and partly on John Vinall; owned marsh land at Hooppole Neck; Holbrook's ditch mentioned; owned two acres in Beechwoods, Cohasset, near John Clapp's. On May 13, 1720, widow Hannah Cowen was appointed guardian of her minor children, viz., Israel,³ Josiah, Gathelus, Job, Joseph and Rachel. Nicho-

* This name occurs in nicknames as "Judy," "Jude," and "Judah" (see p. 56).

† John¹ Cowing (Cowen) married Rebecca, the widow of Richard Man, Mch. 8, 1656. (Scit. Rec.) Their children, from Scituate records: Joseph, b. Dec. 5, 1657, killed in King Philip's war, at Rehoboth, 1676; Mary, b. May 14, 1659; John, b. July 10, 1662, m. (?) Deborah Litchfield (see page 36); Israel, b. Dec. 10, 1664, m. Hannah³ Litchfield; Rebecca, b. May 10, 1666, m. Obadiah Holmes, Dorchester (Mass.). John¹ Cowing's name is mentioned several times in Plymouth Colony Records. He was a Scotchman. A more complete account of the Cowing-Cowen family will occur in the Appendix to this Genealogy. The name is also spelled Cowan. Miss Janet Cowing, Seneca Falls, N. Y., has made considerable study of this family, and invites correspondence.

las³ Litchfield was a witness to the guardianship bonds. On Feb. 16, 1721, the estate of Israel² Cowing was finally settled and all the remaining property fell to Israel,³ his son, except the widow's dower rights.

In the Conihasset Partners' records, Israel² Cowen is named as grantor and grantee, and as "surveyor," as early as 1695. See pages 49, 50, 51 and 56. See also deeds of Nicholas³ Litchfield. He was an active member of the First Parish.

Widow Hannah³ (Litchfield) Cowen died between Dec. 30, 1747 (date of will), and Mch. 6, 1748/9 (probate of will). Her will follows :

WILL OF HANNAH (LITCHFIELD) COWING.*

In the name of God Amen this thirtyeth day of December Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty seven in the twentyeth year of his Majestys Reign, I Hannah Cowing of Scituate in the County of Plimouth in New England being in years and infirm of body but of sound mind & memory praised be God for it do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following —

First of all I commend my Soul to God that gave it me and my body to a decent burial, at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and as touching my worldly estate all my just debts and funeral charges being fully satisfied and paid out of my estate by my executors I give and devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following —

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my sons Josiah Cowing Job Cowing and Joseph Cowing all my cattle and hogs with all my outdoor moveables and also all my corne and meat and all my money and debts due to me to be equally divided betwixt them

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Gathelas Cowing one bed with the bedstead & furniture that belongeth to the bed it being the bed that he lyeth upon

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughters Hannah Merritt Eliz^a. Bailey Rachel Southard and my grand daughter Deborah Cowing daughter of my son Job Cowing all my clothing and all my indoor moveables equally to be divided amongst them they paying

* Plymouth Probate Records, vol. ii: p. 230. The original will is not in the files.

unto my grand children three pounds in old tenour that is to say to my grandson Benjamin Dane* ten shillings old tenour to my grand daughter Martha Fobes ten shillings old tenour, and to my grand daughter Mary Keith ten shillings old tenour, and to my grandson Israel Cowing ten shillings old tenour & to my grandson Balch Cowing ten shillings old tenour, and to my grand daughter Lydia Leichfield ten shillings in old tenour. Lastly I nominate and appoint my two sons Josiah Cowing & Joseph Cowing the sole executors of this my last will & testament

Signed sealed published & declared this to be my last will & testament in presence of us witnesses —

Nicholas Leichfield [Nicholas³]

her

Ensign Otis

HANNAH X COWING

Lydia Peaks.

mark

By deed,† dated Mch. 20, 1707/8, Israel Cowing and wife, for £50, conveyed to Josiah³ and Nicholas³ Litchfield, all interest which Hannah³ had in her father's (Josiah² Litchfield) estate. See page 57. The witnesses were Thomas Turner and Thomas Gresham. Hannah³ made her mark as signature.

Children of Israel and Hannah³ (Litchfield) Cowing, all born in Scituate :

- 12. i. MARY⁴ *Cowing*, b. Dec. 28, 1691; m. Benjamin Pierce.
- ii. ISRAEL *Cowing*, b. Aug. 21, 1693; d. Scituate, Apr. 4, 1697.
- 13. iii. HANNAH *Cowing*, b. Aug. 21, 1694; m. Henry Merritt, Jr.
- 14. iv. ELIZABETH *Cowing*, b. Mch. 13, 1697; m. John Bailey.
- 15. v. ISRAEL *Cowing*, b. Oct. 23, 1699; m. Lydia Balch.
- 16. vi. JOSIAH‡ *Cowing*, b. May 19, 1704; "y^e Brother of Israel Cowen was baptized 5 May 1728" (Scit. 1st Parish Rec.). Living in 1747.

* Probably a copyist's error for Benjamin *Pierce*. "Dane" was an early form of Dean or Deane.

† A memorandum attached to this deed declares that if any one of the children of Josiah² Litchfield, heirs to his estate, should die without issue, before the distribution of said estate had been fully made, such death shall not cut off Hannah³ from an interest in the re-division of the estate. There is no record of any change from the original distribution given on pp. 56-59.

‡ Deane calls this child, "Jonah," the mistake arising from the indistinctness of the record of birth.

17. vii. GATHELUS* *Cowing*, b. Feb. 4, 1708/9; "son of widow Hannah Cowing bapt 19-5-1719" (Scit. 1st Parish Rec.). Living in 1747.

18. viii. JOB *Cowing*, b. Mch. 8, 1713/14; m. Deborah Gannett.

19. ix. JOSEPH *Cowing*, b. Mch. 1, 1715/16; m. twice.

 x. SARAH† *Cowing*, b. Dec. 21, 1717; d. Scituate, Jan. 15, 1718/19.

20. xi. RACHEL *Cowing*, bapt. July 19, 1719; m. William Southworth (Southard).

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SARAH³ LITCHFIELD (*Josiah,² Lawrence¹*) was born in Scituate. Town record: "Sarah Lechfeld y^e Daughter of Josiah Lechfeld was Borne y^e 25 of Sept. 1674." Plymouth Colony Records: "Sarah Leichfeild, the daughter of Josiah Leichfeild, was borne the 25 of December, 1674."‡ She was married in Scituate, June 21, 1708,§ by Rev. Nathaniel Pitcher,|| to Ichabod Damon (Dammon),¶ born in 1668, son of John and Martha (Howland) Damon.**

* Variously spelled: Garthelus, Gathelas, etc. Deane says he had no family. He probably married, Feb. 5, 1735/6, Mary Gill of Hingham, daughter of Nathaniel and Abigail (Jacob) Gill (Hist. of Hingham, vol. iii: p. 269), and resided at Scituate.

† Scit. 1st Parish Rec.: "Sarah the Daughter of Israel Cowen Decesd died Jan ye 15th 1718."

‡ This is the only vital entry of a Litchfield given in the Plymouth Colony Records (printed). She was baptized Sept. 5, 1680 (see p. 59).

§ According to Town clerk's record; the First Parish record is: June 20, 1708. These discrepancies are common in Scituate records.

|| Pastor of First Church, Scituate, 1707-1723, during which time he kept a carefully written record of baptisms, marriages, deaths, and church admissions of his parishioners. This book is at the Town clerk's, Scituate (1901). After Mr. Pitcher's death, the entries were continued by succeeding pastors, for some years.

¶ Scituate records give: Dammon, Demmon, Damen, and Daman; other writers and records: Damman, Daming, and Dammant.

** John Damon, "planter," came to Scituate before 1633. He m. 1st, June 16, 1644, Katherine Merritt, dau. of Henry Merritt, founder of the N. E. Merritt family. She d. about 1654; by her, John Damon had the following children: Deborah, b. Apr. 25, 1645, m. Thomas Woodworth; John, Jr., b. Nov. 3, 1647, served in King Philip's war, had no family; Zachary (Zechariah), b. and d. 1649; Mary, b. July, 1651; Daniel, b. Feb. 1652-3, had no family; Zachary, b. 1654, m. 1679, Martha Woodworth, served in King Philip's war, left numerous descendants. John Damon, Sr., m. 2d, Jan. 15, 1659, Martha Howland, dau. of Arthur Howland, and had the following children: Experience, b. Apr. 17, 1662, m. 1st, Patience —, m. 2d, Ruth Low; Silence, b. Jan. 2, 1663-4, m. Samuel Tower; Ebenezer, b. Jan. 11, 1665, m. — Bacon, was weak mentally; Ichabod, b. 1668 (see above); Margaret, b. July 20, 1670, m. John Bull; Hannah, b. 1672, m. 1st,

WILL OF ICHABOD DAMON, JULY 15, 1730.*

In the name of God amen: This fifteenth day of July Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty. I Ichabod Dammon of Scituate in the County of Plymouth in New England, Taylor, being weak and infirm of body, but of sound mind and memory (praised be God for it) do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First of all, I commend my Soul to God that gave it, and my body to decent burial at ye discretion of my Executrix hereafter named and as touching my worldly estate, all my just debts and funeral charges being fully satisfied and paid, I give, devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following, vitzt.

Imprimis: I give unto my beloved wife Sarah Dammon the use & improvement of all my estate real and personal being in Scituate or else where while she remains my widow.

Item. I give unto my eldest son John a double portion of my real estate both housing and lands in the township of Scituate aforesaid or elsewhere; To have and to hold with the rights and privileges of sd. estate, unto him the said John Dammon his heirs and assigns first paying such a sum as I shall hereafter appoint.

Item. I give unto my son Ichabod one quarter or fourth part of my real estate both housing and lands in the township of Scituate aforesd, or elsewhere; To have and to hold, with the rights and privileges of sd. estate; unto him the sd. Ichabod Dammon his heirs and assigns forever; he paying such a sum as I shall hereafter appoint.

Item. I give unto my son Josiah one quarter or fourth part of my real estate both housing and lands, in the township of Scituate or elsewhere, To have and to hold, with the rights & privileges of sd. estate, unto him the said Josiah Dammon his heirs & assigns forever — he paying such a sum as I shall hereafter appoint.

Item. I give unto my daughter Sarah Jackson fifty pounds; to be paid to her by my son John aforesd, within one year after my wife's decease or second marriage, in good bills of credit on the Province of ye Massachusetts Bay in New England or lawful silver money. To her the sd. Sarah Jackson her heirs or assigns.

John May, m. 2d, Preserved Hall. Authorities: Deane's Scituate; Hist. Hingham; Pope's Pioneers; Scituate records; Miss Sarah R. Damon; Whittemore's Gen. Guide (in Spirit of '76); and Damon Gen.

* Plymouth Probate Records, vol. vi, p. 47. It was proved July 12, 1731.

Item. I give unto my daughter Judith fifty pounds in bills of credit on ye Province of the Massachusetts Bay in N. England or lawful silver money. To be paid to her the said Judith Dammon her heirs or assigns by my two sons Ichabod and Josiah aforesd. within one year after my wife's decease or second marriage.

Lastly. I by these presents nominate and appoint my beloved wife Sarah Dammon to be the sole executrix to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

ICHABOD DAMMON



Signed sealed pronounced and declared by the said Ichabod Dammon to be his last will & testament in presence of us—

her

* Joseph Briggs Hannah X May Shearjashub Bourn*
mark

By deed, dated Mch. 22, 1711-12, Ichabod Damon and wife and the latter's sister, Judith³ Litchfield, conveyed to Josiah³ Litchfield, all interest in Josiah² Litchfield's estate. See page 56. The consideration was £174: 10s.

The witnesses to this deed were John Vinall, James Briggs and Nicholas³ Litchfield.

Children of Ichabod and Sarah³ (Litchfield) Damon :

- 21. i. JOHN⁴ *Damon*, b. Scituate, Jan. 26, 1709-10.
- 22. ii. SARAH *Damon*, b. Scituate, Mar. 19, 1711-12; m. Jonathan Jackson.
- 23. iii. JOSIAH *Damon*, b. Scituate, Dec. 20, 1714; m. Leah Briggs.
- 24. iv. ICHABOD *Damon*, b. abt. 1716.
- 25. v. JUDITH *Damon*, b. abt. 1718; m. John Briggs.

* Pastor of the First Church, Scituate, after decease of Rev. Nathaniel Pitcher. Ordained Dec. 3, 1724; dismissed Aug. 6, 1761; died in Roxbury, Mass., Aug. 14, 1768, aged 68 years. (See Deane's Scituate, p. 186.) In the First Parish cemetery, Scituate Harbor, there is erected a memorial stone, on which is the following inscription: "To the Memory of the First Ministers of Scituate: Giles Saxton, John Lothrop, Charles Chauncy, Henry Dunster, Nicholas Baker, Jeremiah Cushing, Nathaniel Pitcher, Shearjashub Bourne, Ebenezer Grosvenor, Ebenezer Dawes, Nehemiah Thomas, Edmund Q. Sewall." See Otis's Barnstable Families, pp. 125-6.

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JOSIAH³ LITCHFIELD, JR. (*Josiah,² Lawrence¹*), was born in Scituate, Jan. 10, 1677; "Josiah Lechfeild the Son of Josiah Lechfeild was borne th 10 of January 1677." (Scit. Rec.) Baptized Aug., 1679. Married in Scituate, Dec. 29, 1712, by Rev. Nathaniel Pitcher, to Mary Briggs, born in Scituate, May 14, 1682, daughter of Lieut. James Briggs (son of Walter*) and Rebecca Tilden (daughter of Deacon Joseph†).

After the death of Josiah,³ his widow, Mary, married Jan. 16, 1723/24, John³ Leavitt (*Israel,² John¹*) of Hingham; no children; she died in Hingham, Apr. 25, 1748, act. 66 years; John³ Leavitt,‡ cooper, constable, died July 29, 1749, act. 71 years.

* Walter Briggs first appeared of record in 1643 in a list of those in Scituate able to bear arms (Savage, vol. i: p. 251; N. E. H. and G. R., vol. iv: p. 257). In 1651 he bought a farm of Timothy Hatherly and became a prominent citizen (Deane *et al.*). He had a wife, Mary, living in 1658 (Ply. Col. Rec., vol. iii: p. 159). It is believed that she was the mother of all his children (H. G. B.). He died about 1684 (will dated that year), leaving a wife, Frances (Gen. Adv., vol. i: p. 19). She was probably the widow of John Rogers of Marshfield (J. H. Drummond). It has been claimed that her maiden name was Watson (M. L. T. A. in Trans., No. 83, Mch. 17, 1894). His children were, John (Capt. in King Philip's War), b. Dec. 22, 1645, d. March 22, 1687, m. Deborah Hawke of Hingham; James (Lieut. in King Philip's War), b. 1647, d. Aug. 18, 1703, m. July 8, 1673, Rebecca Tilden; Cornelius (Ensign in King Philip's War), d. Oct. 20, 1694, in his 47th year (Historia, 1899, vol. i: No. 3, p. 22), m. 1st, Mary (Doughty) Russell; m. 2d, Mehitable (Allen) Annable of Barnstable; Hannah m. 1st, Samuel Winslow of Boston, about 1675 (Suffolk Reg., vol. 9: p. 212); m. 2d, 1681, Capt. Thomas Jolls of Boston (Prince Gen.). She was living in Boston in 1721 (Will of John,³ John,² Walter¹). The children of James and Rebecca (Tilden) Briggs were: Joseph, b. April 29, 1679, m. 2d, Judith³ Litchfield (No. 10); Mary (above), b. May 14, 1682; James, b. Feb. 2, 1687/8, m. Dec. 24, 1716, Hannah Bailey; Benjamin, b. Jan. 20, 1695/6, m. Dec. 7, 1719, Leah Merritt; and "perhaps others" (Deane). *Authorities:* Scituate records; Deane's Scituate; Plym. Col. Records; Savage; Herbert G. Briggs, Boston, Mass. (compiler of Briggs Gen.); *et al.*

† Deacon Joseph Tilden was son of Elder (of First Church, Scituate) Nathaniel Tilden, who came with his family from Tenterden, Co. Kent, England, in 1634, "in the good ship Hercules," was one of the founders of Scituate (compare page 3), and lived on Kent Street. The children of Elder Nathaniel who survived and came over with him were: Mary, (bapt. as Maria), May 20, 1610; Sarah, bapt. June 13, 1613; Joseph (Deacon above), bapt. April 29, 1615; Thomas, bapt. Jan. 19, 1618/19; Judith, bapt. Oct. 22, 1620; Lidia, bapt. Sept. 28, 1625; and Stephen, bapt. Oct. 11, 1629, all at Tenterden, England. Dea. Joseph succeeded to the paternal homestead, was deacon of the Second Church in 1655, a liberal minded Puritan, and married Nov. 20, 1649, at Scituate, Elizabeth, dau. of John and Elise Twisden (freeman in Scituate, 1639), by whom he had the following children: Nathaniel, b. Sept. 2, 1650; John, b. Dec. 1652; Rebecca, b. Feb. 25, 1654; Joseph, b. Feb. 12, 1656; Stephen, b. May 14, 1659; Samuel, b. Sept. 12, 1660; Elizabeth (m. Samuel Curtis, Jr.), b. May 1, 1665; Lydia (m. William Ticknor, Jr.), b. June 9, 1666; Benjamin, b. in 1668, all at Scituate. *Authorities:* Deane's Scituate; Scituate Records; John W. Linzee, Jr., Boston, and Mrs. George Wilson Smith, N. Y. City (compilers of Tilden Gen.).

‡ See Hist. of Hingham, vol. ii: pp. 429, 430; known as Ensign.

In the first book of Town Meeting Records of Scituate there are three references to Josiah,³ viz.:

May 28, 1707: John Bryant, Jr., Elnathan Palmer, Edward Jenkins and "Josiah Lichfield Junior" were chosen "to serve on the Jury of Trials at the next Superior Court to be holden at Plymouth."

Mch. 23, 1712-13: "Chosen for Surveyors of the highways, Josiah Leechfield David Little Samuel Turner, Peter Collamer, Israel Siluester, Serj. Samuel Stetson, John Hatch."

Feb. 15, 1714-15: Israel Hatch, Bachelor Wing and Josiah "Leechfield" were chosen "to serve on the Jury of tryalls at the next County Court at Plymouth."

ABSTRACTS FROM PLYMOUTH COUNTY DEEDS.*

On Mch. 15, 1703-4, Rodulphus Elmes, Jr. of Scituate, for £160, conveyed by deed,† to Josias Leichfield, Jr., $40\frac{1}{4}$ acres of upland,— "all that Parcel of land lying on the Northwest End of hoopole Neck in Conihassett in Scittuate Afors^d all which s^d lands was given unto me by My Honrd Father Rodulphus Elmes Sen^r." The abutters named were: Israel Peeks, and Josias Leichfeild, Sen^r; Tildens Point and Salt Meadow are mentioned as abutting. Witnesses: Israel Cowing and Jonathan Dodson. Bethia, wife of grantor, released her dower rights.

On Oct. 22, 1708, Josiah³ "Jr.," for 24s, conveyed by deed‡ to Nathaniel Stetson of Scituate, two acres of land near land of Joseph Bates, which was laid out by Samuel Clapp and Israel Chittenden, surveyors. The witnesses were Dorothy and Deborah Otis.

On May 15, 1712, John Curtis, for £20, conveyed by deed§ to Josiah Lichfield, $3\frac{1}{4}$ acres of salt marsh in Conihassett ("Cohassett"); abutters were: Josiah Lichfield, Rodulphus Elms; a creek and ditch separated this land from that of Joseph White. Witnesses: Samuel Stodder and Nathaniel Pitcher.

On Dec. 22, 1714, Josiah,³ "yeoman," for £12, conveyed by deed,|| to Israel Cowing, his brother-in-law, "yeoman," $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres of "Conihassett" land which was laid out to Josiah² Litchfield, "late of Scituate, deceased," in the right of John Hoare,¶ July 12, 1695. This

* See also deeds of Nicholas³ Litchfield.

† Plymouth Deeds, vol. v: p. 205.

‡ Plymouth Deeds, vol. xii: p. 218. Recorded July 8, 1717.

§ Plymouth Deeds, vol. x, part 2: p. 320.

|| Plymouth Deeds, vol. xii: p. 130. Recorded April 24, 1717.

¶ Ancestor of U. S. Senator George F. Hoar of Massachusetts.

land* was near Great Swamp; the "ranges" of Booth and Cowing are mentioned. Witnesses: Nathaniel Pitcher and John Cushing, Jr. Mary, wife of Josiah,³ released her dower rights.

The Clerk's Records† (1707-1761) of the First Parish, Scituate, contain a few references to Josiah³ Litchfield, viz.:

April 16, 1712, the "Northerly" (First) society agreed to let out to Josiah³ "Leichfeild," a lot of salt marsh "near to Bailies belonging to the parsonage for thirty & one shillings a year & he to pay his rent Annually."

"At a meeting of the northerly sociaty in Scituate the 14 day of june 1709

"Agreed by the Sosciaty that what remains as to finish the meeting house it be done by pewing of it & the pews to be made and built at the Cost and charge of those that enjoy them the day abous^d ten days Liberty given for persons to enter their Claime for pews with the Clerk of the s^d sosciaty for pews . . . persons that entered are as followeth . . . : " Josiah³ "Lichfield," Nicholas³ "Leichfield," William Peakes, Israel Cowen, and others.

Mch. 10, 1714, . . . "The day abous^d An account was given in of the names of those that have desired Liberty for building pews in the meeting house up the galleries & their names are as followeth." Twenty-five names are given,—among them, Josiah³ "Lichfield," Samuel³ "Lichfield," William Peaks, and Israel Cowen. It seems that not all these petitioners could be accommodated, for a little later a committee was appointed to adjust the matter, and it was decided to erect nine pews only; of these five were to be on the southerly side of the church in the front gallery, two above the east and west stairs, and the remaining two in the north-east and north-west corners of the galleries.

April 4, 1715, it was reported by this committee that these pews should be erected as follows: "At the eastwardly end of the front galery Josiah Lichfeild, the next westward on the same side Samuel Stoder, the next on the same side Israel Cowen, the next westerly Israel Chittenden, the next Joseph Clap & Nathaniel Tilden junr—over the westwardly stayers David Little, over the eastwardly stayers Stephen Vinall & John Woodworth—at the northwest corner of the end gallery Thomas Young & Joseph Nicholls, at the northwest corner of the east end gallery John Vinall & Jacob Vinall"

* Compare with page 50.

† These are still preserved in fair condition at the Town Clerk's, Scituate.

It is very probable that the following references to a Josiah Litchfield, in Conihasset Records, pertain to Josiah³:

May 20, 1690 . . . Capt. Israel Chittenden deeds to Josiah Litchfield, Jr., 4 A. 26½ R. of land in Scituate, for £6: 10s.

June 8, 1699 . . . 1½ acres of land laid out to William Peakes, in right of John Woodfield, near Josiah Litchfield, Jr.'s.

May 22, 1710 . . . Taken up and laid out to Josiah "Lichfeld," 106½ R. of land in Conihasset, in the right of John Hallet, in the "beaches," bounded by land of William Peakes and that of Josiah L., bought of the Chittendens.

For Josiah's share in his father's estate, see pages 55-58. He was a wealthy man for those early times. His will indicates that he was engaged in sawing lumber and the manufacture of iron, in Hingham (now Cohasset), at the time of his decease. His trade was that of a "cordwainer" (shoemaker). Josiah³ owned horses (see page 48).

He died at Scituate, Dec. 7, 1717, and lies buried in the First Parish Burying-ground, where his gravestone, still standing, reads as follows: "Here lyes y^e body of Josiah Lechfeild aged 40 years. Dec^d Dec^r ye 7th 1717."

The will of Josiah,³ which follows, was written Dec. 6th, the day before he died, but was not probated until Apr. 16, 1718.

WILL OF JOSIAH LITCHFIELD.*

In the Name of God amen, This Sixth day of December Anno Domini one Thousand Seven hundred and seventeen in the fourth year of his Majesties reign. I Josiah Lichfield of Scituate in the County of Plymouth in New England Yeoman being sick & weak of body, but of sound mind and memory, praised be God for it do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz: Principally and first of all I commend my Soul to God that gave it and my body to decent burial at the discretion of my executrix hereinafter named, and as touching my worldly estate all my just debts and funeral charges being fully satisfied and paid I give demise and dispose of the same in manner and form following viz:

* Plymouth Probate Records, vol. iv: p. 108.

Impr^s. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Lichfield all my right and interest unto and in the Saw Mill, and Iron works* and lands, near thereunto being in Hingham to her use and disposal forever. Also the use and improvement of all my estate in Scittuate or else where both real and personal til my son Josiah shall arrive to the age of twenty one years; and all my personal estate as abovesd. I give to my afores^d. wife forever, she my s^d. wife payng to my daughter Mary one hundred pounds at one and twenty years of age or her marriage if before that time.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Josiah all my homestead of housing & lands whereon I now dwell, and all my other estate in lands in Scittuate or elsewhere excepting what is above expressed: To be seized and possessed of the one half of my homestead & all my out lands immediately at his arrival at the age of twenty one years. And also to be seized and possessed of the other part of my homestead immediately upon my wife's decease or her leaving my name by marrying again.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary three hundred pounds one hundred pound to be paid by my s^d. wife as aboves^d. and the other two hundred pounds by my son Josiah vitz. fifty pounds yearly after his arrival to twenty one years of age, and the whole three hundred pounds shall be paid in such specie as shall be passing between man & man at the times of payment yearly as aboves^d.

Furthermore it is my mind and will that if either of my said children dye without issue before he or she arrive to the age of twenty one years as aboves^d. then the surviving child shall have the whole legacy of him or her that shall decease as aboves^d. And if both my said children dye before they become of age then that both my chil-drens legacies shall descend to Josiah Lichfield the son of my brother Nicholas Lichfield to him and his heirs forever. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Mary Lichfield to be sole ex-eutrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

JOSIAH LICHFIELD



* The "sawmill" of the will is probably the mill then as now known as the "Turtle Island" sawmill. For an account of the "Iron works," mentioned in the will, consult Bigelow's Hist. of Cohasset, p. 188; this was the early iron industry in which Mordecai² Lincoln (son of Samuel¹)—Hist. of Hingham, vol. ii: p. 459), the ancestor of President Abraham Lincoln, was deeply interested. The compiler is a descendant of Samuel¹ Lincoln. The following were associates of Josiah³ in this early undertaking of the manufacture of iron: Thomas Andrews, Daniel Lincoln, Thomas James, Aaron Pratt, Mordecai Lincoln and Gershom Ewell, the last living in Scituate.

Signed sealed pronounced & declared by the s^d Josiah Lichfield to be his last Will & Testament in presence of us.

BENJAMIN PEIRCE
JOSEPH BRIGGS
NATHANIEL PITCHER

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL ESTATE OF JOSIAH LITCHFIELD.*

April the 2d 1718. The day abovesd an Inventory was taken of all the goods and chattels of Josiah Lichfield of Scituate of late deceased as followeth by us the subscribers.

Item in purfs & apparrell	15: 2: 9.	Item in Bookes	15.	015: 17: 09
Item in arms & ammunition	.	.	.	001: 06: 00
Item in one silver watch	.	.	.	001: 10: 00
Item in bills of credit	.	.	.	007: 11: 06
Item in three feather beds bedding curtains & bedsteds	.	.	.	040: 10: 00
Item in sheets & other linnen	.	.	.	012: 18: 06
Item in six silver spoons	.	.	.	004: 10: 00
Item in pewter & brass	.	.	.	008: 15: 00
Item in potts scammelst and irons & other household iron ware	.	.	.	005: 04: 00
Item in one looking glass	.	.	.	003: 00: 00
Item in 2 chests of draws in 2 Joyners tables 2 trunks & 2 other chests	.	.	.	006: 10: 00
Item in chairs tubs milk vessels earthen vessels glass & other lumber in ye house	.	.	.	005: 02: 00
Item in corn meat & other provisions in the house	.	.	.	016: 07: 00
Item in tools chains & other iron	.	.	.	004: 14: 06
Item in neat cattle sheep horse swine cart & wheels	.	.	.	136: 10: 00
Item in horse furniture wool, flax, yarn, meal sacks	.	.	.	007: 17: 00
Item in debts due to the estate by bill & bonds	.	.	.	052: 02: 06
Item in boards & hewed timber	.	.	.	004: 00: 00
Item in book debts	.	.	.	008: 19: 12

[£343: 05: 09]

pr. us Israel Chittenden Benjamin Peirce.

The children† of Josiah³ and Mary (Briggs) Litchfield, born in Scituate:

- 26. i. MARY,⁴ b. Oct. 10, 1715; m. John Beal of Hingham.
- 27. ii. JOSIAH, b. Feb. 23, 1716/17; m. Tamsin Hayden and Abigail Studley.

* Plymouth Probate Records, vol. iv: p. 112. Sworn to by widow, June 5, 1718.

† Probably a clerical error for *trammels*, devices for hanging pots from a crane in fire places.

‡ Scituate First Parish Records: "Josiah & Mary Lichfield, Children of ye Widow Mary Lichfield, Baptized, 28-7-1718."

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NICHOLAS³ LITCHFIELD (*Josiah,² Lawrence¹*) was born in Scituate: "Nickolas Lechfeld the Son of Josiah Lechfeld was borne th 7 of Febuary 1680 [1680-1]." (Scit. Rec.). Bapt. Oct. 16, 1681. (See page 59).

He was a most prominent citizen of Scituate and one of the wealthiest men in the town and county. Active in all the business, civil and religious life of the community, he was honored with many positions of trust and importance, as the church, town and county records show. He was a "cordwainer" (shoemaker) by trade. He was constantly buying and selling real estate, and it would seem that such operations largely increased his wealth.* As early as 1706-7, he was granted land by the town (see page 47). He was a Conihasset Partner, both in his own right and that of his father, Josiah.² (See pp. 50, 51.)

ABSTRACTS FROM CONIHASSET PARTNERS' RECORDS.

Feb. 29, 1699-1700. Jonathan Jackson sells to Nicholas Litchfield, for £6: 13s., 3½ acres of Conihassett land; John Pierce and Israel Cowing were abutters, and "Hatchet Rock" is mentioned as a bound. [Hatchet Rock was a mile south of Hoop-pole neck.]

Sept. 6, 1701. Three quarters of an acre of land, granted this day to William James, in the right of John Woodfield, with William Peakes as an abutter, was on April 7, 1702, conveyed to Nicholas "Liechfield." (See page 29.)

Oct. 25, 1704. Laid out to Nicholas "Leichfield," in right of Thomas Tart and John Hoare, 73 rds. of land, part of which was near the house of Nicholas.³

Sept. 28, 1706. Nicholas "Lichfield" was an abutter on land laid out to John Vinal.

* Some who have learned the number of transfers of real estate by Nicholas³ have wondered how he could have possessed the means to buy so much land. It has been thought that his wife's people, the Clarkes (see page 91), of Plymouth, may have supplied the money, but there are no records showing mortgages or transfers of property to or from the Clarkes. His wife, Bathsheba, received in 1731, only £10 by the will (see page 91) of her father. In the distribution of his father's estate (see page 58) Nicholas³ received over 90 acres of land, valued at £178: 3s. This amount, together with the town and Conihassett grants, made him well-to-do in real estate, which he increased by judicious selling and buying. His shoemaking was probably a profitable occupation.

May 13, 1708. John Vinal and Nicholas "Lechfeld" (autograph signature) exchange land. This John Vinal was grandson of Widow Anna Vinal.

July 19, 1709. "Taken up by and laid out for Nicholas Liechfield two acres and six rods of land: one acre and three quarters in the Right of John Hoare, in the fift Division of Cohasset land of seven acres to a shear and in the :11: a lotment or choice in s^d Division and fourty and six rods in the Right of Edward Jenkins in the sixth Ditiusion of three acres to a sheare and in the :24: alotment or choice in s^d Diuisision of Cohasset land which land lyeth in two peices or parsells: in Briggses harbor on the flates in Strabery coue" This land had been laid out by Jonathan Dodson. [Strawberry cove was within the Glades (Deane).]

Feb. 1709-10. Laid out to Nicholas Litchfield, 2 A. 126½ rds. of land, in the rights of John Hoare, Edward Jenkins and Thomas Tart.

Mch. 10, 1709-10. Land was laid out to William James in the right of John Woodfield, which lay on "Farm Neck," near the land of Nicholas "Lichfield." On Nov. 21, 1710, this land was conveyed to John Houlbrook. [Farm neck was near Hoop-pole neck.]

Apr. 5, 1710. An exchange of land was effected this day, between Nicholas Litchfield and Israel Cowing. [Autograph signatures.]

Apr. 6, 1710. Laid out to Thomas Jenkins and Nicholas "Leichfeld," 1³₄ A. 2 rds. of Conihassett land; and on the 17th following, 2 A. to same parties, in right of Edward Jenkins.

May 24, 1710. One acre of land laid out this day, had as abutters, Josiah³ & Nicholas³ Litchfield, and it was near "Stony Brook." [Stony brook was an east branch of Merritt's brook which empties into Bound brook.]

In 1730, Nicholas³ Litchfield is named as one of the Conihassett agents, and was also elected as one of the men to view the undivided lands and straighten bounds, and in 1731, he laid out lands.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY DEEDS.

NICHOLAS³ LITCHFIELD AS GRANTEE.

Sept. 27, 1703. Israel Cowing, for £6, to "Nicolas Leachfield," 6 A. "swampy ground," 3 A. of which had been granted John Cowing, Sr. (father of Israel), and 3 A. granted Israel, by town, Mch. 2, 1696, and laid out Dec. 17, 1697. Witnesses: Richard Man (made his mark), John Bayley, Jr. [Vol. v: p. 137.]

Mch. 15, 1703-4. Rodulphus Elmes, Jr., Scituate, for £212, to "Nicolas Leichfield," "all that my Tenemt or homestead, on w^{ch} I

now dwell in Conehasset in Scittuate . . . Containing forty & Nine Acres, & halfe of an Acre of Swamp & upland, forty & five Acres of s^d lands was given unto me . . . by my honoured Father Rodulphus Elmes Sen^r. of Scittuate . . . the Remaindr^t of s^d forty & Nine Acres & halfe an Acree I . . . bought of my Brother Jonathan Elmes & it lyeth on the northerly Side of the great Swamp and on the Southerly Side of hopole Neck cart way." Abutters: John Barker, "Cudworth lands," Timothy White, John Cowing, Jr., Capt. Otis, Jonathan Merritt, Israel Cowing and the highway. Witnesses: Jonathan Dodson and Israel Cowing. Bethia, wife of grantor, released. [Vol. v: p. 206.]

Feb. 28, 1705-6. John Cowing, Jr., for £80, to "Nicolas Leachfield, cordwainer," 25 A. upland and swamp, whereon grantor dwelt, except dwelling house and barn on said land. Witnesses: Josiah Leachfield, Jr. [Josiah³], and Israel Cowing. Rec. Apr. 10, 1708. Sarah, wife of grantor, released. [Vol. vi: p. 155.]

Mch. 20, 1707-8. Israel & Hannah Cowing to Josiah³ & Nicholas³ Litchfield. See page 62.

Feb. 28, 1708-9. Jonathan Cudworth, Scituate, for £9, to Nicholas Leachfield, 4 A. in Dry Cedar swamp, Scituate. Witnesses: Isaac Prouty and Samuel Lichfield (prob. Samuel³). Rec. July 8, 1752. [Vol. xli: p. 252.]

May 23, 1710. John Barker, Scituate, for £589: 12s., to "Nicolas Lichfield," 119 A. 132 rds. Conihasset upland and swamp, in different parcels, including "ye Ancient Twenty Acre lott that was Somtimes Richard Sillis's."* Hannah wife of John Barker, released. Witnesses: Thomas Young and Nathaniel Otis. Rec. May 28, 1710. [Vol. vii: p. 329.]

Nov. 1, 1710. Benjamin Booth, Scituate, for £4, to Nicholas Lichfield, some cedar swamp, part lying on easterly side of Johnson's Cedar swamp near Mt. Blue [now in Norwell], and the other part lying on northerly end of Town Cedar swamp on west side of Beach Neck. [Johnson's swamp was west of the beachwoods and Mt. Hope; Beach Neck was in Hanover (Deane).] Witnesses: James Briggs and Samuel Lechfield (prob. Samuel³). Rec. July 8, 1752. [Vol. xli: p. 253.]

Mch. 15, 1710-11. Nathaniel & John Tilden, Scituate, for £7: 10s., to Nicholas Lichfield, 6 A. "Cohasset" land. Witnesses:

* Dea. Richard Sillis (or Sealis) was a member of Rev. John Lothrop's church in Scituate in 1634, owned a house there in 1636, a Conihasset Partner in 1646; his wife was Eglin, sister of Timothy Hatherly; two daughters, viz., Hannah, m. John Winchester of Hingham, and Hester, m. Samuel Jackson; his will was dated 1656. [Deane's Scituate, p. 336.]

Stephen Vinall and Joseph Tilden. Rec. July 8, 1752. [Vol. xli: p. 253.]

Mch. 23, 1710-11. Israel Cudworth and Jacob & Mary Vinall, all of Scituate, for £16, to Nicholas Lechfield, 3½ A. marsh in Conihassett, "above the Gulf at the west side of Farm Neck." Witnesses: John Vinall and Stephen Vinall, Jr. Rec. July 8, 1752. [Vol. xli: p. 252.]

Feb. 27, 1712-13. Rodulphus Elmes of "Middle burro" [Middleboro', Mass.], for £75, to Josiah³ & Nicholas³ Lichfield, "cordwainers," Benj. Pierce, Jr., Henry Merritt, Jr., all of Scituate, 6½ A. marsh in Conihassett, "near the northwest point of hoopole neck adjoining to the marsh Sometime the marsh of John Curtis," being the 44th lot on the records. Josiah,³ ½; Nicholas,³ ½; Pierce & Merritt, ½. Witnesses: John & Josiah Barker. [Vol. x, part 2: p. 54.]

*Apr. 13, 1713.† Thomas Curtis, Scituate, "husbandman," to Josiah³ & Nicholas³ Lichfield, "yeomen," for £25, "a Certaine parcel of Salt Marsh Land, Lying and being in Cohassett in Scituate aforesaid, Containing Two Acres and a halfe, be it more or Less; being in two pieces As followeth, Viz One piece thereof Containing one Acre And a Quarter, Bounded Towards the South West with a Ditch in the Range of the said Josiah Lichfields Meadow, Easterly with the Upland 13 Rods to a Stake and Stones, Northerly or Northeasterly, 21 Rods to a Stake & Stones And to a Creek And So with the Creek to the Ditch first Mentioned. The Other piece or parcel of Salt Marsh Containing One Acre and a Quarter is Bounded Southwesterly with a Ditch Joyning to John Tilden's Meadow 18 Rods to the Upland And So With the s^d Upland Towards the Northwest 10 Rods, to a Stake and Stones And from Thence North Easterly, 22 Rods to a Creek, Then with the Creek to y^e Ditch first mentioned." Signed by a mark. Witnesses: Nathaniel Pitcher and Joseph White. Ack. same day. Rec. Sept. 18, 1750. [Vol. xli: p. 1.]

Apr. 3, 1714. Ephraim Pray, Taunton, for £26, to Nicholas Lichfield, 50 A. Scituate land, "bounded to and butting on y^e countrey road that leadeth from Joseph Barstow's to Hingham." Witnesses: Nathaniel Otis and James Otis. Rec. July 8, 1752. [Vol. xli: p. 253.]

* Deeds thus indicated (*) were still preserved in 1899, in the family of the late Liba⁷ Litchfield, Mt. Blue, Norwell, and have been consulted by the compiler. From these, copies of autographs of many Scituate people, — witnesses, grantors, — may be obtained. Some are used in this genealogy.

† This deed is the oldest preserved in the Liba⁷ L. collection, and is in a remarkably good state of preservation. The deed was undoubtedly written by Rev. Nathaniel Pitcher, whose handwriting is very beautiful.

Apr. 8, 1714. Joseph Bailey, Scituate, for £60, to Nicholas L., 6 A. Conihasset saltmarsh near Briggs's fresh marsh. Signed: Joseph "Baili;" his wife, Jerusha, released. Witnesses: John "Baili," Jr., and Nathaniel Pitcher. [Vol. xi: p. 114.]

Apr. 12, 1714. John Holbrook and John Holbrook, Jr., Scituate, for £50, to Nicholas Lechfield, 5 A. "Cohasset" salt meadow. Witnesses: Joseph "Baili," and Jerusha "Baili." Rec. June 21, 1721. [Vol. xv: p. 171.]

May 24, 1717. Jonathan Cudworth, Scituate, for £24, to Nicholas Lechfield, "cordwainer," 6½ A. Conihasset marsh adjoining Great Neck. Witnesses: John Sutton and William Cole. Rec. June 21, 1721, after grantor's death. [Vol. xv: p. 172.]

Mch. 19, 1724. James Cudworth, Scituate, for £25, to Nicholas Lichfield, 2½ A. Conihassett land. Witnesses: Moses Simmons and "Alschez" Hatch. Rec. July 8, 1752. [Vol. xli: p. 254.]

*Apr. 1, 1726. Capt. John Holbrook, Jr., Scituate, "yeoman," to Nicholas "Lechfeild, cordwainer,"† for £167, three shares of upland and swamp, granted in 1723 to Scituate men. Ack. July 10, 1744. Rec. Sept. 18, 1750. Witnesses: Joshua Snow and William Cole. [Vol. xli: p. 1.]

*Apr. 26, 1726. Nathaniel Sutton, Scituate, "shipwright", for £70, to John Bailey and Nicholas L., "yeomen," one share "Commons," granted to Sutton 1723. Witnesses: Thomas Peirce and William Southworth. Ack. and rec. 1733. [Vol. xxviii: p. 76.]

*May 20, 1726. Joseph Man, "husbandman," Scituate, for £70, to Nicholas L., one share in "commons," lot No. 107, also one half of the right of Thomas Man, father of grantor, being lot No. 144, also one half of all further divisions due Thomas Man. Witnesses: Ebenezer Mott and Isaac Man, Jr. Ack. Mch. 19, 1736-7. [Vol. xxxiii: p. 207.]

May 25, 1726. John Ewell, Scituate, for £65, one share in common and undivided land, to Nicholas L. [Vol. xxiv: p. 98.]

*June 6, 1726. Jeremiah Peirce, Scituate, "cordwainer," for £45, to Nicholas L., one whole share in common and undivided upland and swamp land in Scituate, granted Peirce by the town, in 1723,—lot No. 124. Ack. by grantor, July 19, 1750, and rec. Sept. 18, 1750. [Vol. xli: p. 1.]

* See first foot note on page 75.

† It will be observed that the spelling of the name Litchfield varies greatly in the deeds; the compiler has aimed to follow the manuscripts, using an initial in cases of uncertainty.

*July 1, 1726. Ensign Man, Scituate, "wheelwright," for £106, one and one-half shares in common and undivided Scituate land granted him in 1723, and to Thomas Man, Sr., to Nicholas³ L. Witnesses: William Cole and James Lechfeild (*Nicholas³*). See deed of Aug. 1, 1727. Ack. and rec. 1729. [Vol. xxiv: p. 98.]

*July 23, 1726. Experience Damon, Scituate, "coper" [cooper], for £50, to Nicholas Lechfeild, "cordwainer," one share upland and swamp granted to Damon in 1723 by town. Witnesses: Josiah Lichfeild [Josiah¹] and James Lichfeild (*Nicholas³*). See deed of Aug. 1, 1727. Ack. by Josiah, Sept., 1750. Rec. at same time. [Vol. xli: p. 2.]

*Sept. 1, 1726. Joseph Briggs, Jr., "yeoman," to Nicholas Lechfeild, "Cordwaner," for £135, two and one-third shares upland and swamp, granted in 1723 to grantor, to heirs of Joseph Garrett and to successor of James Briggs. Witnesses: Samuel³ Lechfeild and Ensign Man. Ack. by Samuel³ Sept., 1750, when deed was recorded. [Vol. xli: p. 2.]

*Oct. 26, 1726. Samuel Brown, Scituate, "houswright," for £23: 13s., to Nicholas Lichfeild, "cordwainer," 2 A. 4 rds. upland near "beachwoods." Witnesses; Thomas and Mary Peirce. Ack. July 11, 1750. Rec. Sept. 18, 1750. [Vol. xli: p. 3.]

*Dec. 22, 1726. Caleb Torrey, Scituate, "yeoman," to "Nickolas Lechfeild, yeoman," for £36, 3 A. Scituate land near John Bailey's land. Witnesses: William Cole and Hannah Woods (her mark). Ack. July 9, 1750. Rec. Sept. 18, 1750. [Vol. xli: p. 3.]

Jan. 26, 1727. John Cushing, Jr., Scituate, for £25, to Nicholas L., 5 A. "Commons," west of Johnson's swamp. Witnesses: Samuel Holbrook and Thomas Bardin. Rec. July 8, 1752. [Vol. xli: p. 254.]

*July 14, 1727. Thomas Nichols ("Nicholas"), Scituate, for £50, to Nicholas L., 5 A. near grantee's land. Witnesses: Eleazer Peakes, John Cushing, Jr. Rec. 1729. [Vol. xxiv: p. 99.]

*Aug. 1, 1727. John Merritt, Jr., "husbandman," to Nicholas Lechfeild, "cordwainer," for £24, one and one-half shares upland and swamp, granted in 1723 to John Merritt, Jr., and to Jonathan Merritt, Sr. Signed, "John Meritt juner." Witnesses: William Cole and James Lichfield (*Nicholas³*). Ack. July 19, 1750. Rec. Sept. 18, 1750. [Vol. xli: p. 4.]

*Feb. 20, 1727-28. William Mellous, "farmer," for £115, to Nicholas Lichfeild, "cordwainer," 5 A. Scituate "Commons," in two pieces, also one share (lot No. 309) granted in 1723 to Thomas

* See first foot note, page 75.

Curtis. Witnesses: Ebenezer Mott and James Torry. Ack. Mch. 24, 1729. Rec. Sept. 18, 1750. [Vol. xli: p. 4.]

*Mch. 26, 1728. Joseph "Weade [Wade], yeoman," and Ruth, his wife, for £22, to Nicholas Lechfeld, all of Scituate, 1 A. 106 rds. Scituate "Commons," being one third part of the land granted to the heirs of Joseph Garrett, Jr., deceased. Witnesses: Israel Peakes and Jael Garrett. Ack. Oct. 23, 1736. Rec. Sept. 18, 1750. [Vol. xli: p. 4.]

*June 24, 1728. Eleazar Peakes, Scituate, "yeoman," for £90, to Nicholas Lechfeld, "cordwainer," 10 A. Scituate "Commons," part of which was laid out to the successor of William Peakes, in first division. Abutters: Vinal, Merritt, Cowing. Witnesses: John Cushing, Jr., John Holmes, and Margaret Snowdon. Ack. July 19, 1750. Rec. Sept. 18, 1750. [Vol. xli: pp. 4, 5.]

*Dec. 24, 1728. Job Otis, Scituate, "yeoman," for £32:10s., to Nicholas Litchfield, "yeoman," 2½ A. "Commons," one half of the grant to Benjamin Stetson, "Layed oute Adjacent to Newels land at Streebery neck." Witnesses: Ephraim Otis and Mary Dudson. Ack. and rec. 1750. [Vol. xli: p. 5.] This was probably near Strawberry cove, near Scituate Glades; see Deane, p. 161.

Feb. 26, 1730. Ensign Man, "wheelwright," for £90, to Nicholas L., 12 A. Scituate land. [Vol. xxviii: p. 19.]

*June 27, 1732. Joseph Man, Scituate, for £108, to Nicholas Lechfield, 6 A. Scituate upland. Witnesses: William Cole and Ebenezer Mott. Rec. Oct. 6, 1740. [Vol. xxxviii: p. 207.]

*Mch. 20, 1732-3. Jonathan "Maritt" (Merritt), son of John Merritt, and Mehetabell, his wife, for £20, to Nicholas Lechfeld, 3 A. swamp land near grantee's, which land was granted to Zachariah Damman by the town committee. Witnesses: Jacob & Anna Vinall. Ack. 1736. Rec. 1750. [Vol. xli: p. 5.]

*Nov. 26, 1733. John Bailey, Scituate, "yeoman," for £172, to Nicholas Litchfield "Gen^t.", 11½ A. "Commons." Witnesses: Peter Collamer and John Cushing, Jr. Ack. and rec. 1733. [Vol. xxviii: p. 91.]

Aug. 26, 1734. Lydia Cowing, admr'x on estate of Israel Cowing, Scituate, for £25, to Nicholas L., "one fifth part of y^e whole share in the Division of y^e Common Lands in Scituate which in the year 1723 was granted by the Town of Scituate to the [heirs] of Anthony Dodson." Witnesses: Ezekiel Turner and Joseph Josselyn. Rec. July 8, 1752. [Vol. xli: p. 255.] See Family No. 15.

* See first foot note, page 75.

Oct. 1, 1734. Same grantor as above to same grantee, for £110, 8 A. Conihassett land at Hoopole Neck. Witnesses: Samuel Holbrook and Susanna Lichfield (prob. wife of Josiah,⁴ son of Nicholas³). Rec. July 8, 1752. [Vol. xli: p. 255.]

*Feb. 8, 1742. "Steven" Vinall, Scituate, "yeoman," for £110, to Nicholas Lechfeld, "yeoman," 10 A. land in "beachwoods," near Josiah [probably Josiah⁴] Lechfeld's, also 8 A. laid out to Josiah³ Lechfeld, deceased, also land allowed for a highway. Witnesses: John Cushing and Thomas Peirce. Ack. 1742. Rec. 1750. [Vol. xli: pp. 5, 6.]

*Feb. 3, 1745. Nathaniel Chittenden, Scituate, "yeoman," for £60, to Nich^o Litchfield, "yeoman," all interest in land granted to his uncle, Isaac Chittenden (deceased) in 1723. Witnesses: Joseph Tilden and Joseph Forster. Ack. 1745. Rec. 1750. [Vol. xli: p. 6.]

Mch. 6, 1749-50. Baulch [Balch] Cowing, Scituate, for £720, to Nicholas L., one fourth part of the real estate of his father, Israel Cowing. Witnesses: Israel Turner and Daniel Lewis, Jr. Rec. July 11, 1750. [Vol. xl: p. 240.] See Family No. 15.

Mch. 6, 1749-50. Israel Cowing, Pembroke, for £2260, to Nicholas L., "8 acres of upland which I bought of Israel Peaks and Lydia his wife . . . and was formerly a part of the estate which Israel Cowing died seized of and joins to the land of s^d Nicholas & the land of Jacob Vinall. Also the one half of fourty acres of land, more or less with the buildings and appurtenances whereon s^d Israel Cowing, dec'd, in his lifetime dwelt." Also the one half of certain other lands in Scituate. Witnesses: Israel Turner and Thomas Litchfield [Thomas⁴]. Rec. July 11, 1750. [Vol. xl: p. 240.] See Family No. 15.

The following six deeds on file in the Liba⁷ Litchfield collection, are not recorded at Plymouth:

Apr. 1, 1726. Ambrose Cole, Scituate, to Nicholas Lechfeld, "cordwaner," for £40, whole share in Scituate upland and swamp granted him in 1723 by town. Signed by a mark. Witnesses: William Cole and James⁴ Lichfield.

May 5, 1726. James Perry, Scituate, "husbandman," to Nicholas Lechfeld, "Cordwaner," for £80, all land in Scituate, received by him in first and second divisions. Witnesses: Hannah Wood (her mark) and James⁴ Lichfield.

* See first foot note, page 75.

Aug. 1, 1726. Thomas Man, Sr. (signed by mark), "yeoman," Scituate, for £30, to Nicholas Lechfeld, "yeoman," one whole share in Scituate upland and swamp, granted him in 1723 by town. Witnesses: William Cole and Joseph Man.

July 4, 1729. William Baily, "yeoman," Scituate, for £50, to Nicholas Lechfeld, "Scittuate," "cordwainer," 8 A. 52 rds. Scituate land in "Beaches," granted in the rights of William Baily and John Booth, in first division. Witnesses: William Cole and John Holbrook, Jr.

Apr. 4, 1737. John "Marbel" [Marble],* Hingham, "yeoman," for £10, to Nicholas Lechfeld, and Samuel Holbrook, both of Scituate, "yeomen," "one whole Sheare that Shaire or proportion of Land In the town Ship which Lyes Near Northfeild and was Granted by the Generil Courte to Capt Joseph Silvester [Silvester]† Hairs [heirs] and the Compeney under his Comand in the Canady Expedition anodo [anno domini] : 1690: which shear Is In the Right of my honerd father Garsham Marbel as he was a Canady Shoulder [soldier] and Is the Sixty third parte of said town Ship." Witnesses: Perez Drew and Elisha Barker.

Apr. 4, 1737. John Sutton, Scituate, "yeoman," to Nicholas Lechfeld, for £10, all land due his uncle, Benjamin Sutton, for being a Canada soldier (see last deed). Witnesses: Nathan Sutton and Samuel Lichfield, Jr. (Samuel⁴). Ack. Mch. 4, 1738.

NICHOLAS³ LITCHFIELD AS GRANTOR.

Oct. 15, 1707. Nicholas Lechfield to Stephen Vinall, Jr., for £3: 6s., the 10 A. lot No. 154, granted to N. L., at Scituate town meeting, Mch. 19, 1706-7. Bathsheba, wife of grantor, released. Witnesses: John Vinall and Stephen Vinall, Sr. [Vol. x, part 2: p. 160.] See page 47.

June 9, 1708. "Nicolas Leichfield" to Joseph Hatch, for £39, 25 A. upland and swamp bought of John Cowing, Jr. (see page 74), except $\frac{3}{4}$ A. (less 3 rds.) of "swampy ground," in Conihassett, on north-east side of Great Swamp; this land adjoined grantor's homestead lot. Signed as above. Witnesses: Jacob Vinall, James Briggs and John Hall (his mark). Rec. Oct. 4, 1709. [Vol. vi: p. 221.]

May 23, 1710. Nicholas Lichfield, "cordwainer," to Joseph Clap and Samuel Stoddard, both of Scituate, for £90: 10s., 15 A. Conihasset upland and swamp, near land formerly that of Anna Vinal. Bar-

* Hist. Hingham, vol. iii: p. 53.

† See Deane's Scit., pp. 130, 349.

sheba [Bathsheba] released. Abutters: John Vinal and Israel Cudworth. Witnesses: Thomas Young and John Holbrook, Jr. [Vol. vii: p. 366.]

May 24, 1710. Nicholas Lichfield, "cordwainer," to John Vinal, "husbandman," for £130, 20 A. upland in Conihassett. Abutters: Jacob Vinal's range, Thomas Man, Jonathan Merritt, Henry Merritt, Israel Cowing (on Hoopole Neck), William Peakes. Signed: "Nicholas Leachfield." Bathsheba, his wife, released. Witnesses: Thomas Young and John Holbrook, Jr. Rec. Mch. 27, 1711. [Vol. vii: p. 357.]

May 24, 1710. Nicholas Lichfield, "cordwainer," to Jacob Vinal, "husbandman," for £32: 10s., 5 A. Conihassett land. Abutters: Anna Vinal's range, Israel Cowing's range, Jacob Vinal's houselot, and Stoddard. Bathsheba released. Witnesses, as above. Rec. Mch. 25, 1711. [Vol. vii: p. 361.]

June 8, 1710. Nicholas Lichfield (signature), "cordwainer," to John Clap and Samuel Holbrook, Jr., for £77, 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ A. (less 8 rds.) Conihasset upland. Bathsheba released. Witnesses: Amos Turner and Thomas Young. [Vol. vii: p. 364.]

April 12, 1714. Nicholas L. to John Holbrook, Jr., Scituate, for £10, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ A. on Farm Neck. Rec. 1729. [Vol. xxiv, p. 166.]

Dec. 18, 1726. Nicholas Lechfield to Joseph Nash, Scituate, for £26, 2 A. land near Nash's house. Witnesses: William Cole and Samuel Lechfield (prob. Samuel.³). [Vol. xxi: p. 222.]

June 1, 1727. Nicholas Lechfield to John Cushing, Jr., for £40, one share in "Commons." [Vol. xxiii: p. 96.]

Sept. 27, 1727. Nicholas L. to John Hiland, Scituate, for £30, 5 A. "Commons." [Vol. xxix: p. 210.]

Nov. 13, 1727. Nicholas L. to John Hiland, Scituate, for £50, 10 A. "Commons," which Nicholas had bought of Experience Damon and John Merritt. [Vol. xxix: p. 210.] See page 77.

Sept. 25, 1728. Nicholas Lichfield, for £12, to John Baily, Hanover, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. Scituate Commons. Witnesses: John Cushing, Jr., and Mary Cushing. Rec. Aug. 22, 1737. [Vol. xxxi: p. 95.]

July 4, 1729. Nicholas Lechfield to William Bailey, Scituate, for £50, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ A. Conihasset land in beachwoods. [Vol. xxv: p. 215.]

July 1, 1732. Nicholas L. to Joseph Cornish, Hanover, for £16, 8 A. Scituate land. [Vol. xxix: p. 224.]

July 1, 1732. Nicholas L. to Abner Dwelly, Hanover, for £20, the grant of ten acres of land in the second division of Scituate Com-

mons. Witnesses: Hatherly Foster and Elijah Stetson. Rec. July 27, 1736. [Vol. xxx : p. 186.] See page 47.

May 1, 1743. Nicholas Lechfield to Josiah Lechfield [his son], "yeomen," for £55, "five acers of Land Lying and being in Scituate [Scituate] and Is y^e Land whear on said Josiah Lechfields House Standeth Lying on y^e North sid [side] of y^e hiye way that Goeath ouer Mast hill* begening at y^e staated† Line and Running with y^e hiye way near East twenty three rods then North thirty four rods and half then west twenty Three rods to y^e staated Line then With that to The first." Signed: Nich^o. Lechfield. Witnesses: Caleb Torrey and John Cushing. Ack. 1745. Rec. 1747. [Vol. xxviii : pp. 271-2.]

Mch. 15, 1749-50. Nicholas L. to Isaac & Thomas Litchfield [his sons], for £1710, one half of land and house which Nicholas bought of Israel and Balch Cowing (on Mch. 6,— see page 79). [Vol. xl : p. 241.]

WINDHAM COUNTY, CT., DEEDS.‡

NICHOLAS³ LITCHFIELD AS GRANTEE.

Aug. 3, 1703.§ Maj. James Fitch,|| Plainfield, Ct., to Nicholas Leachfield (also spelled Lechfield in deed), Scituate, in province of "Matothusets bey" [Mass. Bay], for £36, a tract of land 640 A. in Plainfield, Ct., on the west side of "Queanabaague [Quinebaug] River," on a hill. "Mr. Allyn's" lands are mentioned as abutting. Witnesses: Thomas Leffingwell, Mary Leffingwell. Rec. Dec. 8, 1703, by Elisha Paine, town clerk. [Vol. i : p. 3.]

* This was in the Beachwoods and was also called Ash Hill. (Deane.)

† Probably means *Patent Line* between Hingham and Scituate.

‡ Canterbury, Ct., land records, examined by compiler.

§ This is the first deed in this first book of land records, and the pages are very much worn and the edges are broken off. The name of the hill was written on the deed but it has gone from the record,— Tatnock (or Tatnuck) Hill.

Mr. Allyn was probably John Allyn of "Middlebery" (Middletown, Ct.?), to whom Maj. James Fitch had granted 3200 A. of land this same year.

The Quinebaug River takes its rise in the northern part of Windham County, Ct., flows through Southbridge (home of the compiler) and Dudley, Mass., then back into Windham County, passing through several towns and villages, furnishing splendid water power for many mills and factories, until it empties into the Thames River, at Norwich, in New London County, Ct.

Plainfield, Ct., was incorporated in May, 1699.

Canterbury, Ct., set off from Plainfield, was incorporated in Oct., 1703, the very year in which Nicholas³ first bought land there, hence the record of this deed is at Canterbury, at the town clerk's office (in a grocery store).

The Leffingwells belonged in Norwich, Ct. (Caulkins' Hist., p. 190.)

|| Maj. James Fitch, son of Rev. James Fitch of Norwich, Ct. (Caulkins' Hist. Norwich, pp. 148-155.)

May 20, 1720. Jonathan Pierce of Norwich, Ct., to Nicholas L. of Scituate, for 5*sh.*, 5 A. of land lying to the east of Nicholas' land in Canterbury. [Vol. iii: p. 386.]

NICHOLAS³ LITCHFIELD AS GRANTOR.

Feb. 11, 1705-6. Nicholas L., Scituate, to John Pierce* of Scituate for £25: 10*s.*, 320 A. of land, one undivided half of the land bought of James Fitch; on north end of "Tadnack" hill. Bathsheba, wife of Nicholas, released. Witnesses: John Cushing, Jr., and Hannah Cowing. [Vol. ii: p. 41.]

May 20, 1720. Nicholas L., Scituate, and Jonathan Pierce,† Norwich, "blacksmith," made a division of their land held in common on "Tadnuck" hill. Nicholas deeded to Pierce the northerly half of the tract, and Pierce deeded to Nicholas the southerly half, the line of division running over the brow of the hill. But Pierce retained one-half interest in the house which was located in the southerly half. In the former deed, the name of Nicholas is spelled "Leatchfield." This deed was recorded July 10, 1723.‡ The deed of Pierce to Litchfield was recorded May 21, 1730. Witnesses to both deeds: Ebenezer Mott and Ebenezer Mott, Jr. [Vol. iii: p. 204; Vol. iii: p. 388.]

In 1750, by will of Nicholas,³ John⁴ and Israel,⁴ his sons, became possessors of the balance of land held by Nicholas³ in Canterbury. This was 480 acres. For further deeds of this land see Families Nos. 35 and 37.

ABSTRACTS FROM SCITUATE TOWN RECORDS.

Dec. 15, 1708. Ensign Thomas Stockbridge, Thomas Turner, Jr., and Nicholas "Leechfield" were chosen "to serve on the Jury of trialls at the next County Court."

Mch. 15, 1710-11. "Chosen for Surveyors Nicholas Leechfield Mr Job otis Mr John Barker Joseph Woodworth Peter Collamer Joseph Cushing Samuel Stetson John Hatch."

* On Oct. 12, 1717, by deed, Jonathan Pierce acquired the rights of John Pierce, who was then of Swansey, Mass., so that Nicholas³ L. and Jonathan Pierce now owned these 320 A. in common. Jonathan Pierce was adm. inhabitant of Norwich, 1712. He was probably son of John.

† On same day as above (May 20) Jonathan Pierce sells 120 A. of this land to Thomas Curtis, Scituate, for £50. Witnesses: Nicholas³ Litchfield and Ebenezer Mott. (Vol. iii: p. 389.)

‡ Joseph Adams was town clerk in Canterbury in 1723.

Feb. 23, 1715-16. "Nickolas Lichfield," Benjamin Curtis and Stephen Vinall, "Chosen to serve on ye granjury ye following year."

May 14, 1718. "Josiah Palmer, jun'r, Richard Silvester & Nicholas Lichfield to serve on ye jury of Trials at ye next Inferiour Court at plymouth.

Mch. 26, 1723. "For Constables Samuel Lapham, Nath^{ll}. Church, Nich^o. Litchfield & W^m. Bailey."

In 1725, Nicholas Litchfield is credited on the town books as having brought into the Town Clerk, "Six Blackbirds or Squirrels heads according to ye Town Act made this year, 1725." (Perhaps this was Nicholas,⁴ son of Nicholas.³)

Sept. 20, 1725. "At T. meeting s^d. Town Chose Nicholas Litchfield Samuel Stodder Gershom Stutson & Joseph Cushing Agents to Advise with and assist the Selectmen (as they think convenient) In Laying out highways In order to accommodate ye proprietors and Inhabitants of s^d. Town And also to Joyne with the Selectmen in Setting out Suitable lands for ye accommodating of the two meeting houses in s^d. Town and for necessary burying places & Training field & make report of their doings at ye next Town meeting for s^d. Town's approbation." At the next Town meeting held Nov. 8, 1725, the matter was deferred until Feb. 23, 1725-6, at which town meeting it was allowed and voted: "Yt Ten acres of Land Should be Laid out in The Comon land somewhere near Drumer Stutsons* [Samuel Stetson] for a burying place Training field & other Special uses & y^t Jno. Cushing Jun^r. & one of ye other Survey^{rs} lay it out."

Feb. 3, 1725-26. Selectmen and Assessors chosen: Gershom Stutson [Stetson], Nich^o. Litchfield and Stephen Vinal.

Mch. 29, 1728. "For Selectmen & assessors Capt. Sam^{ll} Turner Tho. Bryant & Nich^o. Litchfield." During their term of office as selectmen, the board laid out three highways each 40 feet wide.

Dec. 23, 1728. Nicholas L. was paid £2 : 6s., for "making two Rates & taking an acc^o. of blackbirds heads." (See item, 1725.)

May 19, 1729. "Allso s^d. Town Chose Maj^r Amos Turner Mr Nich^o. Litchfield and John Cushing Jun^r to Consider of ye Petition & request of Mr. Joseph Clap Relating to ye Changing of a way over black Pond hill," etc., and from this time to a few years before his death, Nicholas³ Litchfield had an almost continuous election on the board of highway surveyors of the town and held many important positions in the settlement of boundaries and the location of public and private ways and property, and the leasing of town lands, and in

* Deane's Hist. Scituate, p. 116.

the Book of Accounts may be found entries showing the amounts paid him for his services.

Mch. 30, 1730, Mch. 30, 1732, Feb. 26, 1733-34, and Mch. 29, 1736, Nicholas L. was chosen a Petit Juror.

June 6, 1737, May 15, 1738, May 21, 1739, May 19, 1740, and on June 29, 1741, he was chosen as Representative to the General Court, from Scituate.

May 21, 1741. "At a Legal Meeting of ye Town of Scituate warned & held at North meating house May the 21^t. 1741.... Chose Mr. Nich^o. Litchfield to serve for & Represent them at ye Great & Genl. Court or assembly Appointed to be Convened held & kept at Boston on wensday the 27th. Inst. The Selectmen Governing ye Choice according to ye Law."

June 29, 1741. On this day "Nich^o. Litchf^d." was elected to serve as Representative for the following year.

See pages 48, 49 for the horses which he owned. Also, see mention of his name on pages 47, 52, 55, 57, 60, 62, 68.

Nicholas³ Litchfield was elected to represent his native town in the General Court from the May, 1738 session, to the close of the session of 1741-2, when he was succeeded by Thomas Clap. The Journal* of the House of Representatives of "Massachusetts Bay Colony" may be consulted in the State Archives, State House, Boston. At the beginning of each session's records is the list of members composing the General Court. His name always occurs as "Mr. Nicholas Litchfield."

On Mch. 25, 1740, he is recorded as having voted "Nay" on the question: "Whether the House will now proceed to make any Supply of the Treasury with Bills of Credit to be drawn in before the year 1742," which question passed in the negative. June 19, 1740, he voted in favor of the scheme brought forth to issue bills or notes of hand by John Colman and others, which question did not pass. On Jan. 2, 1740-41, he voted in the

* The printed Journal of the House of Representatives begins in 1730. During the first three years of Nicholas's service, John Quincy was speaker, and the last year, John Hobson. For the same respective periods, Jonathan Belcher and William Shirley were the Governors of Massachusetts. In May, 1738, John Wainwright was clerk. The members from Marshfield, 1738-42, were Thomas Foster, John Winslow and Otis Little; from Plymouth, James Warren, Josiah Morton, Thomas Foster; from Duxbury, John Alden, Gamaliel Bradford; from Hanover, Thomas Joslin. Some towns did not send representatives every year, for which they were often fined or censured by the Court.

negative on the question, "to appoint a Committee to take under Consideration the Proclamations and Letters of His Excellency the Governour and Council, respecting the Silver and Manufactory Schemes, and report thereon." This question passed in the affirmative. There is no record of his serving on any committees.

The following is the oath* which was administered to members of the General Court at the period that Nicholas³ was representative :

I, A. B. Do sincerely Promise and Swear, that I will be faithfull, and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the second.— So help me God

I, A: B: do swear, that I do from my Heart abhor, detest, & abjure as Impious, & Heretical that Damnable Doctrine & position, that Princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murthered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever; & I do declare that no foreign prince, Person, prelate, State or Potentate hath or ought to have, any Jurisdiction, power, Superiority Pre-eminence or Authority, Exclesiastical or Spiritual within the Realm of Great Britain.— So help me God

I, A. B. Do Solemnly & Sincerely in the Presence of God, profess, Testify, & Declare, that I do believe that in the Sacrament of the Lords Supper there is not any Transubstantiation of the Elements of Bread & Wine, into the Body & Blood of Christ, at or after the Consecration thereof by any person whatsoever: And that the Invocation or Adoration of the Virgin Mary, or any other Saint, & the Sacrifice of the Mass, as they are now used by the Church of Rome are Superstitious & Idolatrous; & I do solemnly in the Presence of God profess, testify & declare, that I do make this Declaration & every part thereof, in the Plain & ordinary Sense of the Words read unto me as they are commonly understood by English Protestants, without any Evasion, Equivocation or mental Reservation whatsoever, and without any Dispensation already granted me for this Purpose by the Pope or any Authority or person whatsoever or without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before God or Man or absolved of this Declaration or any Part thereof altho the Pope or any other Person or Persons or Powers whatsoever should dispence with or annul the same, or declare that it was null & void from the Beginning.

* Mass. Archives, vol. xl ix : pp. 30, 31.

I, A. B: do truly & sincerely Acknowledge, Profess, Testify and Declare in my Conscience before God & the World that Our Sovereign Lord King George the Second is lawfull & rightfull King of this Realm, & all other his Majestys Dominions & Countries thereunto belonging; & I do solemnly & sincerely declare that I do believe in my Conscience that the Person pretended to be the Prince of Wales during the Life of the late King James, & since his Decease pretending to be & taking upon himself the Stile & Title of King of England, by the name of James the third or of Scotland by the name of James the Eighth, or the Stile & Title of King of Great Britain, hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm or any other the Dominions thereto belonging. And I do renounce Refuse & Abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to him. And I do swear that I will bear Faith & true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Second, & him will defend to the utmost of my Power against all traitorous Conspiracies & Attempts whatsoever which shall be made against his Person, Crown or Dignity; And I will do my utmost Endeavor to disclose & make known to His Majesty & his Successors, all Treasons & Traiterous Conspiracies which I shall know to be against him or any of them; And I do faithfully promise to the utmost of my Power to support, maintain & defend the Succession of the Crown against him the said James and all other Persons whatsoever; which Succession by an Act entitled an Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia, Electress & Dutchess Dowager of Hanover, & the Heirs of her Body being Protestants. And all these things I do plainly & sincerely acknowledge & Swear, according to these Express words by me Spoken & according to the plain & common Sence of the same Words without any Equivocation mental Evasion or Secret Reservation whatsoever. And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgement, Abjuration, Renunciation & promise, heartily, Willingly & truly upon the true Faith of a Christian.— So help me God.

ABSTRACTS* FROM FIRST PARISH RECORDS, SCITUATE,
1707-1761.

June 14, 1709. Nicholas Leichfield entered his name as one desiring a pew in the meeting-house. See page 68.

Apr. 1717. Samuel Stockbridge, Joseph Nicholls and Nicholas Leichfeld (also Lechfeild) elected assessors. This was in Rev. Nathaniel Pitcher's pastorate.

* See also account of Josiah³ Litchfield. Compare Deane's Scituate.

Apr. 27, 1724. Mr. Nathaniel Tilden, Capt. Stephen Otis, Mr. Mordica Lincoln, Mr. Nickolas Lichfeild, Mr. Joseph Clap, Mr. John Baily, Mr. John Holbrook, Jr., elected society agents for pulpit supply. This was after the decease of Rev. Mr. Pitcher, who died Sept. 27, 1723. Mr. Nathaniel Leonard was invited to become pastor, but declined, and in Dec., Mr. Bourn came.

1726. Assessors: Mr. Nicholas Litchfield, Mr. Stephen Vinal, and Mr. Samuel Turner. Committee on repairs of parsonage: Samuel Stockbridge, Joseph Clap, Samuel Turner, David Little, Nicholas Litchfield and Zachariah Damon. Committee to audit treasurer's accounts: Nicholas Litchfield and David Little. Capt. Benjamin Pierce was treasurer.

1729. Committee to adjust bounds between the two precincts (north and south) in Scituate, acting as agents of the "Northerly Society:" Maj. Amos Turner, David Clap, Nicholas Lichfield, Capt. Samuel Turner, Samuel Stockbridge, Job Otis and Samuel Stodder.

Mch. 17, 1729. Nicholas L. was treasurer and was paid £1, for his services. He was again treasurer in 1730, 1731 and 1732. In 1733, Stephen Vinal was elected treasurer. In 1732, Nicholas received 15s. for his services and in 1733, 10s.

1730. Nicholas³ L. on committee for building meeting-house.

Feb. 9, 1730-1. "At a meeting of ye north Sosciety in Scituate met Togeaither ye 9th day of February 1730 Mr David Little moderator: the day abous^d the Sosciety voated to except [accept] of the piece of Land of Mr Lichfield by way of gift where to the Sosciety voated to Set their meeting hous The day abous^d was chosen as an agent Mr Samuel Stoder to take a deed of Mr Nicholas Lichfield of an acre of the s^d piece of Land and to get it acknowledged and recorded for the Soscieties use to set their meeting hous upon and to be lodged in the Clerks Office at the new meeting hous: The day abous^d was chosen for agents Maj. Amos Turner, Mr Nicholas Lichfield, Leut David Little, Mr Joseph bayly, Mr Samuel Stoder and ye major part of ye abous^d agents acting to be binding." (See June 25, 1759.)

May 3, 1731. Mr. David Little and Mr. Nicholas Lichfield elected agents to represent the inhabitants on the petition to remove the Society's meeting-house; also to survey and "platt" [plat] the precinct.

June 15, 1731. David Little, Nicholas L. and Joseph Bailey were chosen to inform the Com. of the General Court regarding the circumstances of the Society's precinct.

Aug. 25, 1731. David Little, Samuel Holbrook, John Holbrook, Nicholas Litchfield, Joseph Bailey and William Bailey were chosen

a committee to appear before the General Court on the meeting-house matter and petition.

June, 1733. Nicholas L. received £7, due him from the Society.

Jan. 1733-4. Nicholas L. on committee to report regarding the precinct.

Apr. 1735. James Stetson obtained a judgment against Nicholas L., and others, members of the board of Society's agents, for £151: 9s: 9d., which was voted to be paid by the Society.

Mch. 31, 1736. Nicholas L. received £1, due him from the precinct, and on Mch. 28, 1737, the sum of £2: 1s.

Mch. 28, 1737. Nicholas L., David Little and Lieut. Ensign were elected a committee for the removal and rebuilding of the meeting-house, they to act as agents.

Mch. 20, 1737-8. David Clap, Lieut. Ensign, Nicholas L., Capt. Samuel Turner, Stephen Vinal and Dea. Samuel Stodder were elected agents of the north precinct to meet agents of the south precinct, to settle boundaries. Paid Nicholas L. for services regarding meeting-house, £1: 15s: 9d.

The meeting-house was removed and rebuilt in 1738-9.

Mch. 7, 1742-3. Nicholas L. chosen moderator of the parish meeting.

Aug. 1, 1743. Nicholas L. on a committee to see about putting new pews in meeting-house.

1743-4. Nicholas L. and others served on committees to adjust difficulties between the north and south precincts regarding boundaries, and on Mch. 17, 1746-7, he was on a similar committee, for which he was allowed 18s. for his services, in Oct.

June 25, 1759. "Voted Dec. [Deacon] Thomas Peirce an Agent to Git the Deed acknowledged and Recorded that Mr Nicolus Lichfeld deceast Gave to ye aboves^d Precent of the Land that the Meeting house Now Stands upon." This deed was not acknowledged and recorded until 1773. See below.

DEED OF NICHOLAS LITCHFIELD TO FIRST PARISH, SCITUATE.

Mch. 16, 1730-1. Nicholas Lichfield, Scituate, to "the first Church and Society in Scituate it being the Northerly Precinct in said Scituate," for £3, "a certain Piece or Parcel of Land containing one Acre* to set their Meeting House on for the publick worship of

* This acre of land is included partly between the present Willow and Branch streets, between Scituate Centre and Scituate Harbor. Thomas W. Lawson of Boston has recently bought land which partly borders on this acre, which the Unitarian Society of Scituate, the legal successor of the Parish, still owns. Rev. Shearjashub Bourn was pastor in 1730, and had a daughter Bathsheba, born that year, whom he may have so named for the wife of Nicholas.³

God, Bounded, Beginning at a Stake and Heap of Stones in Coni-hasset in Scituate the breadth of the high way southerly from Nathaniel Tilden's Southeasterly Corner. Thence running with said way ten Rods westerly to a Heap of Stones Thence running South & by West Seventeen Rods to the Road that goeth from James Cud-worths to Benjamin Balches, and with said Road Easterly ten Rods, Thence running North & by East to the Country Road that Goeth by John Otis's, Then with that Road to the first-mentioned Corner,— which said acre of Land lies in the North East Corner of that lot of Land formerly laid out for a Parsonage Lot, And Since exchanged with the Town of Scituate for other Lands."

Witnesses: David Little and Thomas Peirce. Ack. by Peirce in Oct. 1773. Rec. Oct. 8, 1773. [Plymouth Deeds, vol. lvii: p. 191.]

Nicholas³ Litchfield married Bathsheba Clarke of Plymouth. Plymouth (Mass.) Town Records: "Nickles Lictfield was married to Bathshabe Clarke January 3^d. 1704/5." She was the daughter of James & Abigail* (Lothrop) Clarke, and grand-

*Abigail Lothrop (also Lathrop) was the daughter of Rev. John and Ann (or Anne) (Hammond) Lothrop (m. Feb. 17, 1636/7), and was born in Barnstable, Mass., where she was baptized, Nov. 2, 1639. The story of her father's coming to America, in 1634, of his short stay in Scituate and removal in 1639 to Barnstable, is told on pages 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this Genealogy. For further facts of Rev. John Lothrop's life, one is referred to the Lathrop-Lothrop Genealogy (Huntington's, 1884). Ann Hammond was the second wife of Rev. John, and she, baptized in 1616, in England, is supposed to have been the dau. of William and Elizabeth (Penn) Hammond, of Watertown, Mass. See Bond's Hist. Watertown. Elizabeth Penn was a kinswoman of William Penn, historic founder of Pennsylvania. William Hammond was the son of Thomas and Rose (Tripp) Hammond. See N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 1876. The children of Rev. John and Ann (Hammond) Lothrop were: Barnabas, bapt. Scit., June 6, 1636, m. Susanna Clarke; a child, b. & d. Scit. July 30, 1638; Abigail (see above); Bathshua (or Bathshua, or Bathsheba, as called in the will of her husband), b. Barnstable, bapt. Feb. 27, 1641/2, m. Alexander Marsh, who d. Mch. 7, 1698; John, b. Barnstable, Feb. 9, 1644, d. Sept. 18, 1727, m. 1st. Mary Cobb (or Colsgain), m. 2nd, Hannah, widow of John Fuller; "man childe," b. and d. same hour, buried, Jan. 25, 1649. Rev. John was the son of Thomas Lothrop of Cherry Burton, Eng., and g. son of John Lowthorpe, of Lowthorpe, Yorkshire, Eng.; was born at Elton, East Riding, Yorkshire, Eng., and bapt. Dec. 20, 1584; B. A., Cambridge Univ., 1605, and M. A., 1609. He first settled in Egerton, Kent Co., Eng., where Lawrence¹ Litchfield may have known him, or heard him preach; and before he came to America he preached in London, in the First Independent Church, for which he was imprisoned. Lothrop signified, etymologically, "Behold the village." Rev. John had nine children, born in England, by a former wife. He died Nov. 8, 1653. He had a third wife. Bathsheba Clarke was undoubtedly named for her aunt, Bathsheba Lothrop. William T. Davis, the veteran historian of Plymouth, Mass., sustains the compiler in the matter of the parentage of Bathsheba Clarke. Authorities: Lothrop Gen.; Otis's Barnstable Families; Pope's Pioneers; Deane's Scituate; "We and Our Kinsfolk" (Mary B. Briggs, 1887).

daughter of Thomas* & Susanna (Ring) Clarke. The record of her birth has not been found. She survived her husband, but when or where she died is not known. According to the will of Nicholas,³ (see page 95), all her estate was to be inherited by their children, Eleazar,⁴ Isaac, Thomas, and Susannah. Nicholas, Israel and Josiah, were otherwise provided for, as will be seen by the will.

"Nicholas Litchfield Dyed May the first 1750" (Scit. Rec.). He was buried in the First Parish burying-ground, Scituate, near his brother, Josiah,³ where in 1899, his gravestone, fairly well preserved, was still standing and inscribed as follows: "Here lyes buried the body of Mr. Nicholas Lechfeild who died May the 1st 1750, in the 70 year of his age."

The following poem (sonnet) was written by the late Mrs. A. T. Lunt, sister of Dr. T. W. Parsons, a frequent visitor in

* Thomas Clarke came to America in the "Ann," in 1623, and was *not* the Pilot or Mate of the Mayflower, as has been asserted by some writers and overzealous descendants. The name of the Clarke who came in the Mayflower as one of its officers, was *John* (see Arber's Story of the Pilgrim Fathers). Thomas Clarke is buried on Burial Hill, Plymouth, Mass., where his gravestone, the third oldest in the yard, bears the following inscription in quaint letters: "Here lyes ye body of Mr Thomas Clark aged 98 years. Departed This life March ye 24, 1697." He was a prominent citizen in Plymouth, served as Representative in 1651 and 1655, Deacon, 1654-1697, and was a carpenter by trade. He m. in 1624, Susanna, dau. of widow Mary Ring of Plymouth, by whom he had Andrew, b. 1635, d. 1706, m. Mehitable Scotto; James, b. 1639, m. Abigail Lothrop (p. 90); Susanna, m. 1658, Barnabas Lothrop, brother of Abigail; William, b. Duxbury, 1643, m. Martha Nash; John; Thomas; and Nathaniel, who became Secretary in Plymouth Colony. Thomas Clarke also lived in Boston and other places. He m. 2d, widow Alice (Hallett) Nichols, 1664.

James Clarke, Plymouth, son of Thomas (above), m. Abigail Lothrop, Oct. 7, 1657; Freeman, 1670; Member of juries in 1657, 1670, etc. His children: John, m. Hingham, 1695, Rebecca Lincoln (ancestors of compiler); James, m. Ann Rider; Susanna, m. Samuel Cornish; Abigail, m. John Sutton; Joanna; Thomas, m. Rebecca Miller, and Bathsheba, m. *Nicholas³ Litchfield*. See the Clark-Clarke Genealogies, Davis's Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth (1899), *et alii*.

The will of James² Clarke (*Thomas¹*) contains the following items of interest:—

Dated, May 24, 1711; proved, Oct. 4, 1731. To son, John, 30A. lot (he had previously deeded property to him); to wife, Abigail, use and improvement of all his property during her lifetime; to son, James, after Abigail's death, all his estate after paying the following legacies; to four daus. Susanna, Abigail, Joanna, and Bathsheba, £10, apiece; in case any dau. dies before probate of will, her share to be paid to her children; declares he had given his son, Thomas, his portion before making will. A codicil, dated Nov. 25, 1713, gives to son Thomas, one-half interest in Cedar swamp, about two miles from Long pond. James Clarke, his son, was exec. (Plym. Prob., vol. vi, p. 112.) On Nov. 27, 1756, Susannah Cornish, dau. of James Clarke, acknowledged receipt of £10, from her father's estate. (Vol. xiv, p. 193.)

Scituate, and is entitled "The Pilgrim Burying Ground, Meeting House Lane, Scituate."

This sharp ascent leads from the village way
 To where the ancient burial ground doth lie,
 Where human footsteps rarely ever stray,
 And where most birds in the sweet springtime fly ;
 Long time disused, dismantled and despoiled,
 O'er grown with weeds and briars' tangled thorn.
 'Tis many a year since funeral train hath toiled
 Up here — its burden to its "last earth" borne.
 Some unknown spirit draws me to the spot,
 Bidding me quit the more frequented way,
 The modern ground with ornamented plot,
 And marbles cut in fashion of the day —
 Sweeter methinks among these briars and reeds,
 Where loving Nature seems to weep in weeds.

WILL OF NICHOLAS LITCHFIELD.*

In the Name of God Amen, the seventeenth day of August one thousand seven hundred and forty eight I Nicholas Litchfield of Scituate in ye County of Plymouth in New England Gent. being very sick and weak in body but of sound mind and memory, praised be God for the same, and willing before my death to settle things in order, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First I revoke all other wills and testaments by me made and appoint this to be my last will and testament, and committing my soul to God my Creator and Redeemer I dispose of my worldly estate as followeth, that is to say,

I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife *Barsheba Lechfield* ye one half of my dwelling house and ye improvement of all my household stuff. Also three cows, and they to be kept well winter and summer, and also firewood brought to her door sufficient to keep one good fire and a privilege in ye orchard to what fruit she has occasion for, and also seventy five pounds a year in bills of ye old tenor, during her natural life.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Eleazer Lechfield five acres of land where his house stands including said house and orchard.

Item. I give unto my son Thomas Lechfield ye one half of my dwelling house where I now dwell and ye other half at ye decease of

* On file at Plymouth, dated Aug. 17, 1748; probated May 7, 1750. Compare the legacies of this will with Plymouth County Deeds, pp. 73-82.

my wife; and also the orchard on that side of the way where ye house stands and also half an acre of land where my barn stands, including said barn, and also I give unto my son Eleazer and Thomas all my other Lands at home, and also my Man lot and my land by Mott, and also my Cowing meadow and all my Elmes and Horse Iland meadows, and also my woodlot lying the Westerly side of Johnson's Swamp near the patten line, and also one half of ye ninth Cedar Swamp Lot equally to be divided. To have and to hold to them and their heirs and assigns forever. So as they render unto their mother and pay unto their brothers and sisters and unto my grandchildren as hereafter shall be expressed and ordered in this my last will and testament.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Nicholas Lechfield, the house and barn where he now dwells, And also two acres of land including said house and barn.

Item. I give unto my sons Josiah Lechfield, Nicholas Lechfield and Isaac Lechfield all my land in ye beach woods below Johnsons swamp, excepting ye two acres given to Nicholas already. And also two shares of Cedar Swamp the one in the seventh lot and the other in ye fourth lot. Also all my salt meadow and flats excepting what is above mentioned, to be equally divided betwixt them. To have and to hold to them and their heirs and assigns forever, so as they render and pay unto their mother and brothers and to my grandchildren as hereafter shall be expressed in this my last will and testament.

Item. I give my son John Lechfield and my son Israel Lechfield, all my land* lying and being in Canterbury in Connecticut Government. To have and to hold to them and their heirs and assigns forever; and also three hundred pounds apiece to each of them in bills of the old tenor as they stand in value at this day, the one half at my decease and the other half a year after.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Bersheba [Bathsheba] Peirce to [two] pounds in old tenor bills because I have given her her part already.

Item. I give unto my daughter Susannah Clap five hundred pounds in bills of ye old tenor at ye same value as they stand at this day, one half one year after my decease and the other half one year after that.

I give and bequeath unto my grandson Elisha Lechfield† twelve hundred pounds in bills of ye old tenor as they stand in value at this day if he doth arrive at the age of twenty one years.

* See Windham County deeds, pp. 82-3.

† Son of James⁴ and Ruth (Tilden) Litchfield. (Family No. 31.)

Item. I give unto my grand-daughter Ruth Lechfield* one hundred pounds old tenor bills as they stand in value at this day when she arrives at the age of eighteen years old.

Item. I also give and bequeath unto my sons Eleazer Isaac and Thomas all my money and bonds, bills and notes of hand, and all my Book debts, And also all my cattle all other stock of what nature or kind soever, And also all my out door movables of all sorts or kind so ever, equal to be divided between them thereafter just debts and charges are paid out of ye same.

Item. I give unto all my sons, Josiah, Nicholas Eleazer Isaac, John, Thomas and Israel all my lands† which was granted to the Canada men by the General Court and all other lands if there be any that I have not mentioned, equally to be divided to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

Item. It is my will and meaning, and I do order my sons Eleazer, Thomas to pay unto their mother fifteen pounds in old tenor bills a year each of them and also to find her firewood which is above mentioned, and also to keep the three cows winter and summer as I ordered to be kept for her, And also I order them to pay unto my son John and my son Israel each forty pounds a piece at my decease in old tenor bills as they stand in value at this day and also to pay unto my daughter Susannah two hundred and fifty pounds each in bills of ye old tenor as they stand in value at this day ye one half one year after my decease and ye other half one year after that. And also I order them to pay unto my grandson Elisha Lechfield two hundred and forty pounds in bills of ye old tenor each of them, if he arrives to ye age of twenty one years, and also to pay unto my granddaughter Ruth twenty pounds each of them in old tenor bills at her arrival to the age of eighteen years old. And also to pay unto my daughter Barsheba Peirce two pounds old tenor bills.

Item. It is my will and meaning that my three sons that is Josiah, Nicholas and Isaac shall pay each of them unto their mother fifteen pounds a year during her natural life, in bills of ye old tenor, And also it is my mind and will that my three sons that is Josiah, Nicholas & Isaac shall pay unto my two sons that is John and Israel ye^t is to say, Josiah, Nicholas and Isaac shall pay each of them one hundred and seventy three pounds six shillings and eight pence, ye one half at my decease, ye other one year afterwards in bills of ye old tenor as they in value at this day. And also I do order my sons

* Daughter of James⁴ and Ruth (Tilden) Litchfield. (Family No. 31.)

† See Plymouth County deeds, p. 80.

Josiah Nicholas and Isaac to pay unto my grandson Elisha Lechfield, each of them, two hundred and forty pounds in bills of y^e old tenor at ye same value, that they stand at this day, if he arrives to ye age of twenty one years of age. And also to pay unto my grand-daughter Ruth Lechfield twenty pounds apiece each of them at her arrival to ye age of eighteen years of age.

Item. I make constitute and ordain my three sons that is Eleazer Lechfield, Isaac Lechfield and Thomas Lechfield sole executors of this my last will and testament, to perform and execute y^e same, according to y^e true intent of this my last Will and Testament expressed.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of August one thousand seven hundred & forty eight. And also it is my will and meaning that what my wife leaves of the estate which I have given her during life, it shall be equally divided between my sons, Eleazer, Isaac and Thomas and my daughter Susan-nah, and also I give unto my sons Isaac and Thomas all my Leather and Leather Trade.

NICHOLAS LECHFIELD.



Signed sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Nicholas Lechfield as his last Will and Testament in the presents of us the subscribers.

Eleazer Peaks.*

Ebenezer Mott.†

Thomas Curtis.‡

Plymouth ss. May y^e 7, 1750. This will being presented by ye Executors therein named for Prob^t. y^e s^d. Eleazer Peaks, Ebenezer Mott & Thomas Curtis made oath that they saw y^e s^d. Nich^o. Lechfield sign & seal & heard him declare this instrument to be his last will and testament & that they at y^e same time in his presence subscribed as witnesses, & that he was of sound mind. Before me. Jn^o. Cushing, Judge of Probate.

The birth records of only the first five children of Nicholas³ Litchfield are found on the Scituate Town Records, but probably *all* were born in Scituate, as the baptisms of all, except

* Prob. son of Lydia (Cowing) Peakes. (Family No. 15.)

† Prob. Ebenezer, b. 1700. (Deane, p. 313.)

‡ Prob. Thomas, b. 1703-4. (Deane, p. 252.)

Experience,⁴ are recorded in the First Parish Book. These baptisms are as follows :

Josiah, Nicholas, James, Eleazer, Isaac Bathsheba and Susanna Lichfield, Children of Nicholas Lichfield were Baptized 4-7-1720.

John Lichfield Son of Nicholas Lichfield was Baptized 24-7-1721.

Thomas Lechfield Son of Nicholas Lechfield was Baptized 14-5-1723.

Israel ye Son of Nicolas Litchfield was baptized 2 June 1728.

Following the order of the above baptisms, as well as the order of the sons given in that part of the will of Nicholas,³ in which he bequeaths to all his surviving sons, together with the consideration of the known dates of marriage and death of the children, the compiler has placed them in the order which is given below, but which order varies considerably from that given in Morse's Litchfield Genealogy, and Deane's Scituate.

Children* of Nicholas³ and Bathsheba (Clarke) Litchfield :

- i. EXPERIENCE,⁴ b. Scituate, Nov. 20, 1705 ; "Experience Leechfield the son of Nicholas & bathsheba Leechfield died January ye 6th. 1709" (Scit. Rec.).
- 28. ii. JOSIAH, b. Scituate, Dec. 20, 1706 ; m. Susanna Morey.
- 29. iii. NICHOLAS, b. Scituate, Mch. 10, 1707-8 ; m. Sarah Studley.
- 30. iv. BATHSHEBA, b. Scituate, May 8, 1709 ; m. Jeremiah Pierce.
- 31. v. JAMES, b. Scituate, July 12, 1711 ; m. Ruth Tilden.
- 32. vi. ELEAZER, b. 1715 (?) ; m. Desire White.
- 33. vii. SUSANNA, b. 1717 (?) ; m. Job Clapp.
- 34. viii. ISAAC, b. 1719 (?) ; m. 1st, Lydia Cowing ; 2nd, Hannah Hersey.

* Deane's Scituate, page 305, gives the children of Nicholas³ Litchfield as follows : "Experience born 1705, Josiah 1706, Nicholas 1707, Bathsheba 1709, James 1711, John 1712, Israel 1714, Eleazar 1715, Susanna 1717, Isaac 1719, Thomas 1721." Morse gives the full dates of birth, as recorded at Scituate, of the first five children of Nicholas,³ also the death date of Experience.⁴

On a Litchfield chart (a copy of a very old one whose whereabouts are unknown), in possession (1900) of Benjamin T.⁹ Litchfield, South Boston, the dates of birth of the children of Nicholas³ Litchfield are given as follows (but there is no reason for judging all of them to be correct) : Experience, 1706 ; Josiah, 1706 ; Nicholas, 1708 ; Susannah, 1709 ; James, 1711 ; John, 1712 ; Israel, 1714 ; Eleazar, 1715 ; Bathsheba, 1716 ; Isaac, 1719 ; Thomas, 1721. Evidently the maker of this chart had not consulted the town and other records.

35. ix. JOHN, b. about 1721; settled in Brooklyn, Ct.; m. Lucy Cady.
 36. x. THOMAS, b. about 1723; m. Lydia Cole.
 37. xi. ISRAEL, b. about 1725; settled in Brooklyn, Ct.; m. 1st, 1751, Penelope Burden* of Providence, R. I.; 2nd, 1766, Phebe Holt.

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JUDITH³ LITCHFIELD (*Josiah,² Lawrence¹*) was born in Scituate: "Judith Lechfeild the Daughter of Josiah Lechfeild was borne th 25 of Aprill 1687" (Scit. Rec.). Married at Scituate, Feb. 20, 1717-18, as is recorded in First Parish Records: "Joseph Briggs Jun'r† and Judith Lichfield were marryed 20-12-1717." He was the son of Lieut. James Briggs and Rebecca Tilden, and was born in Scituate, Apr. 29, 1679. Joseph, Jr., was thus brother of Mary (Briggs) Litchfield (page 66). Joseph died in Scituate in 1747. His will, dated May 22, 1747, probated Oct. 12, 1747, on file at Plymouth, names as legatees: Sarah, his wife (executrix); Mary Cudworth and Judith Briggs, his daughters; and Joseph Clapp, his grandson; to Judith, his dau., one-half his real estate and one-third of his personal property. On Nov. 13, 1747, the inventory of his estate, taken by Thomas Clapp, Benjamin Briggs and Nicholas³ Litchfield, amounted to £14,471: 16s: 6d. This shows him to have been a very wealthy man for those days. On Aug. 5, 1751, part of the real estate was divided into three parts, for the benefit of Judith, wife of William Collier; Mary, wife of John Cudworth, and Joseph Clapp, Jr., only son of Hannah (Briggs) Clapp,

* Wanted: her birth, parentage and death. Close research and much inquiry have failed to reveal these desired data.

† This was the second marriage of Joseph Briggs, Jr. His first wife was Mary Garrett, bapt. "17-4-1711" (First Parish Rec.), dau. Joseph and Ruth (Buck) Garrett, to whom he was married, Feb. 2, 1709-10, by whom he had two daus., viz., Mary, b. Oct. 9, 1711, m. John Cudworth, Jr., Jan. 13, 1731-32; Hannah, b. Feb. 8, 1714-15, m. Dea. Joseph Clapp (first wife), Dec. 21, 1732. Mary (Garrett) Briggs died in Scituate, Feb. 8, 1714-15. His third wife was the widow Sarah Morey (see Family No. 28), to whom Joseph was married, in Scituate, Jan. 14, 1730, and who survived him. He was called "Jr.," in order to distinguish him from his first cousin, Joseph Briggs (b. Feb. 19, 1678-9), son of Cornelius Briggs (ensign in King Philip's war). For an account of the Briggs family, see footnote, page 66.

deceased. Again, on Feb. 9, 1756, the land at Valley Swamp, in Scituate, was divided for the benefit of the heirs of John Briggs; the heirs of Joseph Briggs; John Barnes, Jr., and Cornelius Barnes, assignees of Judith Collier; Mary Cudworth, and Joseph Clapp, Jr.

Judith³ is called "Judah," in the distribution of her father's estate (see page 56). On Mch. 22, 1711-12, by deed, Judith,³ and Ichabod Damon (Family No. 7) and wife, for £174: 10s., conveyed to Josiah³ Litchfield (Family No. 8), all their interest in the estate of Josiah² Litchfield (see page 56). She died between 1725 and 1730. Named for her grandmother, Judith (wife of Lawrence¹ Litchfield), who died in 1685.

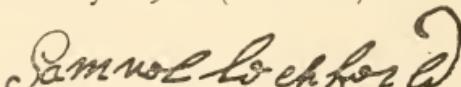
Child of Joseph and Judith³ (Litchfield) Briggs:

38. i. JUDITH⁴ *Briggs*,* b. Scituate, May 20, 1725; m. William Collier.

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SAMUEL³ LITCHFIELD (*Josiah² Lawrence¹*), was born in Scituate, Feb. 4, 1690-1: "Samuel Lechfeild the Son of Josiah Lechfeild was borne th 4 of Febury 1690." (Scit. Rec.)

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from a deed.]



Scituate Town Records have several references to Samuel³. In 1719, the ear-mark for his cattle, etc., was "a Swallow Tale Cut out of y^e Right ear." He owned several horses which are described on pages 48 and 49. At town meeting, Mch. 13, 1721, John Dwelly and Samuel³ Litchfield were elected "for to prosecute y^e Law relating to horses." On Mch. 23, 1723-4, he received one share in the "Common Land" (see page 47). At town meeting, Feb. 26, 1733-4, he was elected one of the surveyors of highways, and again on Mch. 29, 1738. On June 20, 1737, he became a constable, as did Ambrose Cole, Jr., and

* She lived in the Collier House (so called), still standing near North Scituate beach, which, in 1899, was owned by E. P. Collier of Boston.

Ephraim Otis. Again on Mch. 26, 1739, he was elected surveyor. In 1754, Samuel³ was allowed 2s., "being ye foot of his acc'" against the town. He was a shoemaker.

In 1726, Samuel³ Litchfield was a witness to the will of Ger-shom Ewell, which was probated* Mch. 6, 1726-7; he was also an appraiser of Ewell's estate.

In the Clerk's Records† of the First Parish, Scituate, are the following references to Samuel³ Litchfield :

Mch. 30, 1742: Mr Sam'l Litchfield on a committee to consider and report regarding a new parsonage.

Jan. 3, 1742-3: This committee reported and it was voted to raise money for a new parsonage. (See Deane, p. 34.)

Mch. 12, 1754: Mr Samuel Letchfield, Col. Thos. Clap, Mr. Joseph Tilden, Mr. Timothy White and Capt. David Clapp were on a committee on parsonage matters.

Sept. 1, 1760: Mr. Samuel Lichfield, Thomas Clapp, Esq., Mr. Ensign Otis, Capt. David Clapp, Dea. Jonathan Merritt, Mr. Joseph Bailey and David Little, Esq., served on a committee to hear proposals from Rev. Shearjashub Bourn for supplying the pulpit during the poor condition of his health.

EXTRACTS FROM PLYMOUTH COUNTY DEEDS.‡

Feb. 13, 1716-7: Samuel Lechfield, "cordwainer," mortgage deed for £45, to Commissioners of Plymouth, on 18½ acres of Conihasset land with buildings thereon. The abutters were: Thomas Soper, Thomas Colman, John Sutton, John Merritt and Thomas Jenkins. The interest was paid annually until May 3, 1727, when the mortgage was discharged.

Feb. 19, 1721-2: Samuel Lechfield, "cordwainer," for £25, to Peter Collamore of Scituate, one fourth of the fifty acre lot in Scituate abutting on "Shear Line," which Samuel had received from his mother (see page 52). Deed signed also by Abigail, his wife. Witnesses: John Cushing and Henry Merritt, Jr. Rec. April 25, 1722.

Mch. 1, 1721-2: Timothy White, "husbandman," and wife Rebekah, of Scituate, for £28,³A. 96 rds. Conihasset land, to Samuel Litchfield, "cordwainer." Rec. Apr. 12, 1769.

* Plymouth Probate Records, vol. v, pp. 283-5.

† See also account of Josiah³ Litchfield, page 68.

‡ Plymouth Deeds, vol. xiii: p. 19; vol. xvi: p. 37; vol. liv: pp. 234, 235; vol. lii: p. 260.

June 8, 1741: David Little, Jr., "labourer," Scituate, for £60, one half a lot of land bought by grantor of his father, to Samuel Litchfield.

Jan. 25, 1749-50: Thomas Jenkins of Scituate, for £12: 10s., one fourth acre of land situated near grantee's, to Samuel Litchfield.

Samuel³ Litchfield was married *twice*. *First*, in Scituate, Mch. 25, 1712-13, by Rev. Nathaniel Pitcher, to Abigail Buck (or Bucke), born in Scituate, Aug. 7, 1685, bapt. "27-3-1711" (First Parish Rec.), daughter of Isaac* and Eunice (Turner) Buck.

He married, *second*, in Scituate, Mch. 6, 1734, a widow, Fear Turner, of whose parentage or former marriage nothing has been found, neither by the compiler nor any known Turner family authority. Their "intentions" were filed with the town clerk, Feb. 15, 1734-5. No children.

The dates of death of neither Samuel³ nor of his two wives have been found. From a study of deeds (which see) of his son Samuel,⁴ it is thought that Samuel³ was living as late as 1767. He probably died in Scituate in that or the following year.

* Isaac Buck (Bucke), called "Jr.", was the son of Lieut. Isaac Buck and his wife, Frances —. Lieut. Isaac came to Scituate before 1647, and perhaps was a son of James Buck of Hingham. He was a blacksmith by trade. He served his adopted town as town clerk for several years, and also in King Philip's war, where he fought bravely. He was a brother of Cornet John Buck, and died in 1695. His children were: Thomas, James, Joseph, Jonathan, Benjamin, Elizabeth (m. Robert Whitcomb), Mehitable (m. Stephen Chittenden), Ruth (m. Joseph Garrett), Deborah (m. Henry Merritt), John, and Isaac (m. Eunice Turner). (See Deane's Scituate, pp. 229, 230.)

Isaac Buck, Jr., married in Scituate, Oct. 24, 1684, Eunice Turner (see below). They had three children, viz.: Abigail (above), b. Aug. 7, 1685; Margrett, b. Aug. 7, 1687; Isaac, b. Apr. 8, 1689 (Scit. Rec.). Isaac, Jr., died Mch. 19, 1688-9 (Scit. Rec.). Ancestor of compiler.

Eunice Turner was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Hyland) Turner, who were married Jan. 6, 1652 (Scit. Rec.). Eunice was born in Scituate, Apr. 10, 1662. Her grandfather was Humphrey Turner, of Essex County, England, who came to America (name of ship unknown) and settled first in Plymouth in 1628, and in 1636 in Scituate, where he died in 1673, and is buried with many of his descendants in the old First Parish burying-ground, on which spot is erected an imposing monument to their memory. Sarah Hyland was the daughter of Thomas Hyland (also Hiland, sometimes *Higland*), a native of Tenterden, Co. Kent, England, freeman in Scituate, 1638, and his wife Elizabeth. (See Deane, p. 290.) Ancestors of compiler. Among those who are working upon the records of the Turner family are Miss Ella Bates, North Scituate, Mass., and Alfred R. Turner, Malden, Mass.

Of the children of Samuel³ Litchfield, only the births of Samuel,⁴ Abigail, Sarah, and Nathaniel are found recorded at Scituate. The remaining birth dates in the list of children are stated on the authority of Deane's Scituate and Morse's Litchfield Genealogy. They were probably all born in Scituate.

Children of Samuel³ and Abigail (Buck) Litchfield :

- 39. i. SAMUEL,⁴ b. Scituate, Oct. 11, 1715; m. Priscilla Vinal.
- 40. ii. ABIGAIL, b. Scituate, Feb. 23, 1716-17; m. (prob.) James Cudworth, Jr.
- 41. iii. SARAH, b. Scituate, June 5, 1718; m. James Nash.
- 42. iv. JUDITH, b. 1720; m. Daniel Damon.
- 43. v. HANNAH, b. 1721; m. Benjamin Studley.
- 44. vi. EXPERIENCE, b. 1723; m. Rhoda Studley.
- 45. vii. DEBORAH, b. 1725; m. Obadiah Merritt.
- 46. viii. NATHANIEL, b. Scituate, Dec. 5, 1727; m. Priscilla Nash.
- 47. ix. REMEMBER, b. 1728; m. Solomon Briggs* of Norton.
- 48. x. RUTH, b. 1730; m. (prob.) Samuel Stodder of Hingham.

FOURTH GENERATION.

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MARY⁴ COWING, daughter of Israel Cowing (Cowen) and Hannah³ Litchfield (*Josiah², Lawrence¹*), was born in Scituate, Dec. 28, 1691, and died Feb. 10, 1724-5. Married in Scituate, Feb. 5, 1711-12, by Rev. Nathaniel Pitcher, to Benjamin Pierce, Jr., born Mar. 11, 1683-4, died Dec. 1772, eldest son of Benjamin and Martha (Adams) Pierce, and grandson of Capt. Michael Pierce (Peirce).† Residence, Scituate.

* Information of this man desired, and names of his children, etc.

† Capt. Michael Pierce was an owner of Conihassett lands as early as 1647; he was a resident of Hingham, between 1645 and 1666. A few years after the death of his first wife, whose name is unknown, but who died in Hingham, Dec. 31, 1662, he removed to Scituate. He fought with great bravery in King Philip's war, 1675-6, and was killed in the Rehoboth fight, Mar. 25, 1676 (Deane's Scituate, pp. 121-124). His will, dated Jan. 15, 1675-6, was proved June 5, 1676, and is recorded at Plymouth Probate. See Hist. Hingham, vol. iii, pp. 108-9, for names of children; also, see pp. 24, 30, footnotes, of this Genealogy.

The author of the Pierce Genealogy says that Ann (or Anna, or Anne), the second wife of Capt. Michael Pierce, was the "widow Annah James." If so, then Ann Allen (see page 37, footnote) had married a man by the name of James

Benjamin Pierce, Jr., married 2nd, Elizabeth Perry. His will, proved Dec. 27, 1772, mentions his children, viz., Martha Fobes (Forbes), Mary Keith, and Benjamin, but he was survived by Martha, only.

Children of Benjamin, Jr., and Mary⁴ (Cowing) Pierce :

- i. MARTHA⁵ *Pierce*, b. Jan. 5, 1712-13; d. 1795; m. 1738, John Fobes (Forbes) of Bridgewater, who died in 1783; three ch., b. 1739-1743.
- ii. MARY⁵ *Pierce*, b. Feb. 4, 1717-18; d. 1758; m. 1741, Ebenezer Keith of Bridgewater. Resided in Scituate. Nine ch., b. 1743-1757. He m. 2nd, Mrs. Hepzibah (Perkins) Carver; several ch.
- iii. BENJAMIN⁵ *Pierce*, b. Dec. 4, 1721; d. June, 1768 (?); m. 1st, Nov. 3, 1743, Charity Howard (or Hayward, or Haywood), dau. Jonathan Howard, Jr., of Bridgewater.

Their ch.: 1. *Benjamin*,⁶ b. 1746, m. Mrs. Priscilla (Merritt) Wade, rem. to Chesterfield, Mass. 2. *Jonathan*,⁶ b. 1748, m. *Mary⁵ Litchfield* (*Isaac⁴ Nicholas³ Josiah² Lawrence¹*); see Family No. 34; rem. to Chesterfield. Benjamin⁵ *Pierce* m. 2nd, 1750, Jane Howard (or Hayward), perhaps dau. Thomas Howard (see Deane's Scituate, p. 326). Their ch.: 3. *Thomas*,⁶ b. abt. 1750, m. before 1768. 4. *Hayward*,⁶ b. 1753, prominent citizen of Scituate, m. Judith Bailey, several ch. 5. *Caleb*,⁶ b. 1755, m. Abigail Bailey. Many of the descendants of Benjamin⁵ *Pierce* reside in and near Scituate; others in Boston and in the western part of Mass.

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HANNAH⁴ COWING, daughter of Israel Cowing (Cowen) and Hannah³ Litchfield (*Josiah² Lawrence¹*), was born in Scituate,

after the death of her husband, John Allen, and thirdly, Capt. Michael Pierce; or, "widow Annah James" was the second wife of Capt. Pierce, and "widow Ann Allen" was his third wife. The compiler finds nothing to prove Mr. Pierce's assertion. Capt. Pierce's widow was formerly the wife of John Allen (see page 41).

Authorities (on Family No. 12): Pierce Genealogy (F. C. Pierce, 1889); Deane's Scituate; Scituate town and church records; Bailey Genealogy (1889); Mitchell's Hist. Bridgewater, Mass.; Bridgewater vital records.

Aug. 21, 1694, Married in Scituate, Jan. 6, 1712-13, Henry⁴ Merritt, Jr., born Jan. 1, 1689-90, son of Henry^{3*} and Deborah (Buck) Merritt of Scituate.

* Henry³ Merritt was the son of John² and Elizabeth (Wyborn) Merritt, and grandson of Henry¹ Merritt, founder of the New England family.

Henry¹ Merritt emigrated from England to America not many years after the Pilgrims came. He is supposed to have belonged in Tenterden, Co. Kent, England. It is claimed that the name of Merritt (in an ancient form) is found as early as 1070, in Somerset County, and about 1420, in London. Dr. Christopher Merritt, a member of the Royal Academy, and one of the correspondents of Governor William Bradford, belonged to this London family. Perhaps Henry¹ Merritt was a relative of this distinguished gentleman, and through his suggestion or influence, left his native land to gain fame and wealth in the New World, but at least he became the progenitor of a very large and sturdy race of descendants.

He came to Plymouth, and about 1626, with a few others (see footnote, p. 3) decided to make a new settlement about twenty miles northerly from Plymouth, and fixed upon a place, which they named Scituate. He had purchased land here of Thomas ("Goodman") Byrd, which he sold, April 10, 1628, to Nathaniel Tilden. This deed, which is recorded at Plymouth, speaks of the grantor as "Henry Merritt of Scituate in America, Planter." It is the earliest mention of the name Scituate, which is derived from Satuit ("cold") brook, which runs through the town. "Henry Meritt" signed with an "H."

In Scituate, Henry¹ Merritt owned a house and lot at the corner of Greenfield Lane and the "driftway," which in 1831, and since, has been known as "Merritt's corner." He owned a large share in the New Harbor marshes; a Conihasset partner in 1646, when he bought 1/30 of Timothy Hatherly's lands; freeman, 1638; constable, 1642; surveyor, 1643-4; owned land next to Joseph Tilden, 1649; commissioner of excise, 1650. He was called "Sr." Died in Nov., 1652; inventory, Jan. 24, 1653; amount, £121 : 16s : 3d. This inventory named things which were jointly purchased by him and his brother, John Merritt, which remained undivided. (Plym. Probate Rec.) Nothing is known of this brother John. The wife of Henry,¹ whose name is unknown, joined the church in 1637.

Children of Henry¹ Merritt: (1.) Henry,² d. 1667; m. Judith —; had three children, viz.: John,³ Anne,³ and another; was able to bear arms in Scituate in 1643; freeman, Boston, 1657; creditor of estate of Mehalalea Munnings of Dorchester, 1659 (early wills of Boston); made his will, Feb. 9, 1662, leaving his property to wife, to eldest son, John,³ and to two other children, not named, and to grandson, Samuel Hett. (2.) Katherine,² m. John Damon (see footnote, p. 63). (3.) John,² m. Apr. 3, 1655, Elizabeth, dau. Thomas and Elizabeth Wyborn of Boston, who d. Oct. 1656, leaving property to his dau. and her infant dau. Deborah³. John² was able to bear arms in Scituate, 1643; administrator of will of Henry¹ Merritt, June 6, 1654; constable, 1660; on jury, Oct. 29, 1673; land assigned to him, 1673; homestead was that of his father or near it; inquest on his body, Mch. 6, 1676, as he was killed by falling from the works on the rocks, Mch. 1, 1676; on June 7, 1677, the Court ordered that his widow, Elizabeth, should have the improvements of the estate until the children became of age. (Plym. Probate Rec.)

Seven children of John² and Elizabeth (Wyborn) Merritt: (1.) Ichabod,³ b. Mch. 1655 (?); nothing further known. (2.) Deborah,³ b. before Sept. 12, 1656, d. before 1677. (3.) John,³ b. Feb. 17, 1661-2; d. June 5, 1740; m. Elizabeth Hyland, b. 1665, d. Apr. 13, 1746, aged 82, dau. Thomas and Elizabeth (Stockbridge) Hyland; was part proprietor of Conihasset, May 20, 1686; buried in Scituate graveyard, at age of 79 yrs. 3 mos. 16 days. Their children, viz.: John,⁴ b. Aug. 1687; Thomas,⁴ b. Sept. 1688; Deborah,⁴ b. Dec. 1689; Elizabeth,⁴ b. Feb. 1691-2; Mary,⁴ b. Nov. 1692; Ruth,⁴ b. May, 1694; Ichabod,⁴ b. Oct. 1695; Han-

Henry⁴ Merritt, Jr., probably died in Scituate, in 1771, as on May 13, 1771, David Nash, his son-in-law, was appointed administrator of his estate, which was rendered insolvent. (Plym. Probate Rec.) The administrator's sureties were Thomas Jenkins and Israel Damon. No heirs are mentioned. One of the items of administration is the receipt of £4, due the estate from Jonathan Merritt (probably brother of Henry, Jr.). The last item is: "Paid to *Capt.* Merritt's widow, 26 lbs."*

"Hannah Merritt wife of Henry Jr. bapt. 5 May 1728" (Scit. First Parish Rec.).

Children† of Henry, Jr., and Hannah⁴ (Cowing) Merritt, all recorded at Scituate: (See following page.)

nah,⁴ b. Feb. 1696-7; *Henry*,⁴ b. May, 1699; *Abigail*,⁴ b. Nov. 1700; *Jonathan*,⁴ b. May, 1702, d. Oct. 21, 1758; *David*,⁴ b. Oct. 1703; *Ebenezer*,⁴ b. Dec. 25, 1705, and *Ezekiel*,⁴ b. Mch. 22, 1709-10. (4.) *Henry*,³ b. 1663-4 (see below). (5.) *Jonathan*,³ b. July, 1665; had lands granted to him in 1699; was prob. living in 1727; no trace of a family. (6.) *Mary*,³ b. Feb. (?) 1668; m. 1683, Benjamin Studley, b. 1661, and had 9 or 10 children. (Scit. Rec.) Ancestors of compiler. (7.) *Elizabeth*,³ b. July, 1671; nothing further known of her.

*Henry*³ Merritt (*John*,² *Henry*,¹), b. Jan. 1663-4, m. 1686, Deborah Buck, dau. Lieut. Isaac Buck (see footnote, p. 100). [Douglas Merritt, Rhinebeck, N. Y. (a descendant of Thomas¹ Merritt of Rye, N. Y., the progenitor of another Merritt family), says that his notes give the name of the wife of *Henry*³ Merritt as *Elizabeth Wyborn*, b. 1666, dau. John Wyborn and Mary Hinckley (dau. Gov. Thomas Hinckley). John Wyborn was son of Thomas Wyborn (see above). Mr. Merritt is undoubtedly mistaken, for the account of the settlement of *Henry*³ Merritt's estate (on record at Plymouth Probate) states his wife's name to be *Deborah*.] *Henry*³ left no will, and his son, *Jonathan*,⁴ was appointed administrator, Feb. 2, 1732-3. In the settlement, Apr. 10, 1734, of the estate, wife Deborah and all the children except Deborah⁴ are named. Seven children of *Henry*³ Merritt and Deborah Buck (Scit. Rec.): (1.) *Jonathan*,⁴ b. Feb. 7, 1687-8; m. Elizabeth Whiton, 1710; five children, among whom was Obadiah,⁵ b. 1723, who m. 1746, *Deborah*⁴ *Litchfield* (see Family No. 45). (2.) *Henry*,⁴ b. Jan. 1, 1689-90; m. *Hannah Cowing* (Family No. 13, above). (3.) *James*,⁴ b. Nov. 14, 1691; m. Ruth Wade, and had three children. (4.) *Deborah*,⁴ b. Mch. 2, 1694-5; prob. d. early; not mentioned in 1734. (5.) *Leah*,⁴ b. Feb. 21, 1697-8; m. 1719, Benjamin Briggs (see footnote, p. 66); had five children (see Family No. 23). (6.) *Rachel*,⁴ b. Apr. 29, 1699; m. Eleazer Peakes, 1718; had four children (see appendix). (7.) *Isaac*,⁴ b. Sept. 29, 1702; m. 1724, Jerusha Hayden, from Braintree; eight children, of whom the youngest three were b. in Charlton, to which place this family removed about 1736; some descendants live in Southbridge.

Authorities on Merritt family: Scituate Town and Church Rec.; Deane's Scituate; Plymouth Probate Rec.; Douglas Merritt, Rhinebeck, N. Y.; Mrs. R. W. Micon, Alexandria, Va.; Miss Ella Bates, North Scituate.

* This term "Capt." may have been applied to *Henry*⁴ Merritt familiarly, or he may have been at the head of a local company of militia.

† The compiler does not claim to have made an exhaustive research of these children's marriages and descendants. There may be errors.

EXPLANATIONS.

The method used in the compilation and arrangement of the individual members and families in this Genealogy is that employed by the New-England Historic Genealogical Society of Boston. In the lists of children, it will be seen that a number occurring before an individual name is to refer the reader to that page, following, where that same number is found and a further account is given. These numbers serve to separate and distinguish the different families, and prevent confusion.

Unless otherwise indicated, *all* towns, cities, etc., are located in Massachusetts.

The following abbreviations are used:—A., acre or acres; A. B. (or B. A.), Bachelor of Arts; A. M. (or M. A.), Master of Arts; abt., about; aet., aged; ack., acknowledged; adm., admitted; b., born; bapt., baptized; Co., county or company; Capt., captain; d., died; Dea., deacon; d., pence; dau., daughter; exec., executor; Ge'n., genealogy; g., grand; Hist., history; Jr., junior; Lieut., lieutenant; m., married; Maj., major; No., number; prob., probably; p. or pp., page or pages; R. or rds., rod or rods; Reg., register or registry; rec., recorded; s., shilling; Sr., senior; unm., unmarried; vol., volume.

Deane, Deane's History of Scituate, Mass.; Scit. Rec., Scituate Records; Ply. (or Plym.) Col. Rec., Plymouth Colony Records; N. E. H. and G. R., New England Historical and Genealogical Register; Gen. Adv., Genealogical Advertiser (by Lucy Hall Greenlaw); Trans., Boston Evening Transcript; Savage, Savage's Genealogical Dictionary (4 vols.); Mass., Massachusetts; Ct., Connecticut.

As to the tracing down of *female* lines, the compiler has adopted the following rules:—A female line which began as a separate family *before 1800*, will be given place in this Genealogy, so as to treat of her children and grand-children, as distinct families, if the proper information to make such a division advisable, is large and important. Whatever further information regarding her descendants is entered will be found on those pages devoted to her children or grand-children. Compare families Nos. 6, 12 and 13. For a female line beginning *at or about 1800*, it is the intention of the compiler to trace it in families to 1900, unless some other Genealogy or Local History has treated of the same. In such a case, reference will be made to the further source of information.

Every male line of the name of Litchfield will be traced to 1900, if any descendants can be found. Some lines become extinct because of failure of male issue.

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